

The City of Prince Albert Smoke Alarm Regulations



KNOW YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 22 of the Fire and Emergency Services Bylaw has introduced new responsibilities regarding the placement, maintenance and functionality of smoke alarms.

Effective September 30, 2009

TENANTS:

Tenants are responsible for inspecting and testing smoke alarms at least once every six months and must keep a record of the inspection and test on a form supplied by the owner of the building (or the owners authorized agent).

Smoke alarm inspection forms must contain the address of the premises being inspected, the date of the inspection, the name of the person conducting the inspection, the condition, operation and deficiencies if any and corrective measures taken to correct the deficiencies.

Smoke alarms must be free from paint, grease, dirt, and physical damage

New tenants must sign a form supplied by the owner of the building (or the owners authorized agent) confirming that the smoke alarm is in working condition.

In a rental unit or residential property no person shall commit any of the following acts or will be subject to a ticket for \$250.00 or a fine up to \$5,000.00:

- * Tamper with or disconnect a smoke alarm;
- * Remove batteries from a smoke alarm, unless to change the batteries;
- * Place anything over a smoke alarm so as to render it inoperable; and
- * Disconnect a hard wired smoke alarm

Tenants of a rental property are to contact their landlord immediately if the dwelling does not have a working smoke alarm.

Landlords have 48hrs to replace or repair an inoperable smoke alarm once notified by the tenant.



**SMOKE ALARMS
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Fire Inspectors:

*Are authorized to enter any property to determine whether these requirements are being met;

* Are required to give 24hrs notice or obtain occupant permission to enter the rental unit; and

* Must show proof of identification.

For complete information please see section 22 of the Fire and Emergency Services Bylaw available online at www.pafire.ca or contact the Prince Albert Fire Department at (306) 953-4200