

What are you accountable for?

City of Guelph Fire Department

Subject Area	Landlords	Homeowners	Tenants
Smoke and Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms	• Ensure smoke and CO alarms are installed to meet Fire Code requirements (for example, on every level and outside sleeping areas) • Ensure alarms are tested, repaired or replaced if needed • Records of testing and maintenance to provide fire department if requested	• Ensure smoke and CO alarms are installed to meet Fire Code requirements (on every level and outside sleeping areas) • Ensure alarms are tested and maintained • Ensure alarms are repaired or replaced if needed	• Must not remove or tamper with alarms • Must report problems to the landlord, if the Landlord does not meet compliance, tenants can file a complaint with their local fire department
Preventing Fires	• Maintain the building, exits, and fire safety systems and equipment as required	• Help keep the home safe and reduce the risk of fire	• Practice safe daily habits, such as safe cooking, keeping exits clear, and not overloading outlets
Escape Planning	• Provide safe and accessible exits • Ensure fire safety plans are in place where required based on the type of building	• Make and practice a home fire escape plan (annually)	• Know the building's fire safety rules and how to get out safely
Building Maintenance	• Maintain the building, and all fire safety systems in working order	• Keep house numbers visible and hydrants clear of snow • Service and maintain fuel burning equipment such as furnaces and chimneys	• Keep living spaces clean • Report safety concerns to the landlord
Legal responsibility	• Legal responsibility for following the Fire Code in rental homes • Responsible for alarms, fire safety systems, exits, and required fire safety plans • May face fines or other penalties if requirements are not met	• Must follow Fire Code requirements in their home • Can be fined for non-compliance.	• Can be fined for disabling alarms or unsafe actions
Fire Department Responsibilities and Guidance	• Provide inspections, guidance, and enforcement, when required • Work with landlords to help meet Fire Code requirements	• Provide fire safety information and help keep your home safe	• Provide support and guidance for fire safety concerns • May be contacted if issues are not addressed by the landlord



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