

# #BeFireSafe

## Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms should be installed outside each sleeping room and on each floor in your home, including the basement.

Each smoke alarm in your home should be properly equipped with the correct batteries. Change your batteries when you change your clocks in the spring and fall, to ensure your smoke alarm is always fully charged. Consider installing an alarm with a 10 year sealed lithium battery.

It is best to test your smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to make sure each one is working properly.

Include both types of smoke alarms in your home: Ionization and photoelectric. Ionization smoke detectors respond quicker to flaming fires and photoelectric to smouldering fires.

Make sure that any smoke alarm you install in your home is labelled with the safety standards specific to your province or territory.

Change your smoke alarm if it is more than ten years old or not functioning properly.



For additional smoke alarm tips, visit the Aboriginal Firefighters Association of Canada website at [afac-acpi.ca/](http://afac-acpi.ca/) or the National Fire Protection Association website at [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).

For more information about fire safety awareness, visit [www.aandc.gc.ca](http://www.aandc.gc.ca) or [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).

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