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Carbon Monoxide Detectors

New Ontario Fire Code Requirements — 2026



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WHAT IS CARBON MONOXIDE?

A colorless, odorless, tasteless gas produced when fuels like natural gas, oil, propane, wood, or gasoline burn.

Called the “silent killer” because it’s undetectable without an alarm.

Exposure causes flu-like symptoms (headache, dizziness, nausea, fatigue) and can be fatal quickly at high levels.



NEW FIRE CODE REQUIREMENTS - 2026

Location: Alarms are required adjacent to every sleeping area and on every storey without a sleeping area (e.g., basement, main floor).

Sources: Mandatory for homes with fuel-burning appliances (furnaces, water heaters, stoves, wood stoves), fireplaces, or attached garages.

Landlord/Tenant: Landlords must install and maintain them; tenants must not tamper with them.

Compliance: Failure to comply is an offense with potential fines up to \$50,000 for individuals or \$500,000 for corporations.



WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

- Landlords must install and maintain alarms
- Tenants must not remove or damage alarms
- Failure to comply can result in fines

Fines up to \$50,000 for individuals

Up to \$500,000 for corporations



CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY TIPS

- Install approved CO alarms
- Test alarms regularly
- Inspect fuel-burning appliances yearly
- Keep vents and chimneys clear
- Never run vehicles in attached garages



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