

## **Smoke Alarms: It's The Law!**

Under the Ontario Fire Code, every home in Ontario is required to have working smoke alarms.

Homeowners must ensure that smoke alarms are installed between sleeping and living areas. They are also required to maintain the smoke alarms in working order.

In rental accommodation, the obligation to install and maintain smoke alarms in operating condition falls to the landlord. Landlords must also provide smoke alarm maintenance information to the occupant of each unit.

It is an offence for any person to disable a smoke alarm. This requirement applies equally to homeowners, landlords and tenants.

***Failure to comply with the smoke alarm requirements of the Fire Code can result in a minimum fine of \$200. For further information about smoke alarms, contact the fire department.***