



SMOKE ALARM MAINTENANCE INFORMATION

The Ontario Fire Code requires that every home have smoke alarms installed and kept in working condition. Smoke alarms are very important for the safety of you and your neighbours because they can give early warning if there is a fire.

Ferguslea Properties Limited is responsible for installing smoke alarms in your home and replacing them if necessary. You are responsible for keeping them in working condition and replacing batteries if they wear out. This also includes testing the smoke alarms regularly and immediately reporting to management any problem or concern you have about the operation of your smoke alarm.

For your protection, you have to take an active part in making sure that the smoke alarms in your home remain operational.

Here are some steps that you can take:

- Once a year, replace the batteries in your home's smoke alarms.
- When the low battery signal is activated (typically the alarm sounds for a short burst at regular intervals), immediately replace the battery.
- Notify management immediately if the "power on" indicator goes out (on electrically wired smoke alarms only) and so that we can arrange for appropriate repairs.
- Notify management immediately if the smoke alarm is damaged so that we can arrange repair or replacement of the unit.
- If you will be away from your home for seven or more days (such as on vacation), arrange for the smoke alarms to be tested by a friend to ensure that the smoke alarms are operable at all times.
- Notify management of any electrical problem that may affect the operability of electrically wired smoke alarms.
- Contact management if you have any concerns about your smoke alarms or any other fire safety matters in your home.

The Ontario Fire Code specifies that:

"No person shall intentionally disable a smoke alarm so as to make it inoperable."

A Tenant, or any other person, who intentionally disables a smoke alarm is guilty of a provincial offence and subject to a fine.

