

January 8, 2026

Important Reminder: Ontario Fire Code Changes & Carbon Monoxide Detectors

1-85 SILVER SHADOW PATH

Dear Residents,

This notice is to remind all residents of important changes to the **Ontario Fire Code**, which came into effect on **January 1, 2026**.

As part of these updates, **carbon monoxide (CO) detectors are now mandatory** in residential homes under the revised Fire Code. All units **must have operational carbon monoxide detectors installed immediately** if they have not already been installed.

Carbon monoxide alarms are required:

- Outside sleeping areas
- On every storey containing a sleeping area
- In accordance with the Ontario Fire Code requirements

These devices are critical for life safety and compliance with provincial legislation. It is the responsibility of residents to ensure that carbon monoxide detectors within their homes are installed, functional, and properly maintained.

For further details regarding the Ontario Fire Code changes, including additional fire safety requirements, **please refer to the attached notice from the Fire Marshal's Office**, which outlines the key updates effective January 1, 2026.

Thank you for your immediate attention and cooperation in maintaining a safe community.

Should you have any questions, please contact our office.

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CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM RULES

EXISTING HOMES



Attention Homeowners & Landlords,

New Safety Requirements Starting January 1, 2026

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odourless, and deadly gas. Keeping your family safe means ensuring you have working CO alarms properly installed in your home.

New requirements are coming into effect on January 1, 2026, that expand where CO alarms must be placed in existing homes.

Where Do the New Requirements Apply?

The updated requirements apply to all existing homes that have any of the following:

- A fuel-burning appliance (like a furnace, water heater, or stove that uses natural gas, propane, oil, or wood).
- A fireplace.
- An attached garage.
- **Effective Jan 1, 2026:** Air for heating that comes from a fuel-burning appliance not contained within the home (e.g., an appliance in a utility shed).

Common types of homes include:

- Detached or Semi-Detached Houses
- Townhouses
- Cottages

Where Must CO Alarms Be Installed?

If your home meets any of the conditions above, you must install a CO alarm in these two locations:

1. Adjacent to each sleeping area (near all bedrooms).



For specific questions regarding CO alarm requirements,
please contact your local fire department.

2. **Effective Jan 1, 2026:** On every storey (floor) of your home, including storeys that do not have a sleeping area.

Buying and Installing Your CO Alarms

Buying

When buying a CO alarm, make sure it has the logo of a recognized standards testing agency to ensure they meet Canadian performance standards. Some examples of recognized standards testing agencies and their logos include:

- Canadian Standards Association (CSA)
- Underwriters Laboratories of Canada (ULC)
- Intertek (ETL)
- Under the Fire Code, carbon monoxide alarms are permitted to be:
 - Hardwired (connected directly to an electrical system).
 - Battery-operated (portable or permanently mounted).
 - Plug-in devices (plugs into a standard electrical outlet).
- Many devices on the market are combined units that include both a smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm in one device.

Installing

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for installation and placement of CO alarms.

Who is Responsible for Compliance?

- In **Owner-Occupied** homes, the **Homeowner** is responsible for complying with the CO alarm requirements in the Fire Code.
- In **Rental Homes**, the **Landlord** is responsible for complying with the CO alarm requirements in the Fire Code.



Need Clarification?

For questions about CO alarm requirements that may apply to your home, please contact your local fire department. They are the authority responsible for enforcing the [Fire Code](#) in your area.

