

Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarm Installation Requirements – New Rules Effective July 1, 2022

On January 1, 2022, the *Construction Codes Act* and *Building Code Regulations* came into effect in Saskatchewan replacing the *Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act and Regulations*.

The *Building Code Regulations* has the following requirements that will come into force on **July 1, 2022**:

1. Every building that contains a residential occupancy is required to have smoke alarms installed inside **each bedroom**, in the **bedroom corridor**, and **each storey without a bedroom**. These smoke alarms are permitted to be battery operated. **If** the building was constructed before June 6, 1988, then the batteries used for the smoke alarms must be 10-year batteries (see photo attached for example of 10-year battery alarm).
2. Every building that contains a residential occupancy is required to have a carbon monoxide alarm installed inside **each bedroom OR** within 5 m (16') of **each bedroom door**. These carbon monoxide alarms are permitted to be battery operated. **If** the building was constructed before October 1, 2009, then the batteries used for the carbon monoxide alarms must be 10-year batteries (see photo attached for example of 10-year battery alarm).



What does this mean for owners?

If your residence is missing smoke and/or carbon monoxide alarms in the locations listed above, then as the owner it is your responsibility to install the missing alarms.

The municipality and building officials, *MuniCode Services Ltd.*, are not required to enter every property to ensure that these alarms are installed. However, when a building official does enter the building for other reasons (building permit related), then due diligence by verifying the installation will be completed.