

## HOME SAFETY AWARENESS

Nothing is more important than keeping you and your loved ones safe at home. By following basic safety practices, you can reduce the risk of incidents, accidents, and fires.

Here's a look at some essential lifesaving systems, how they work, and why they are critical for keeping your home safe.

**Make sure the smoke and CO detectors in your home are in top working condition - they can and do save lives!**



**Ensure your household has an escape plan and practice it often!**



### Tip:

Consider interconnected or dual systems for smoke and CO detection. When one alarm sounds, all alarms go off—providing faster, house-wide warnings.

### SMOKE DETECTORS

Smoke detectors provide early warning of fire, giving you time to escape

#### Placement

- Install at least one smoke detector on every level of your home.
- Place smoke detector inside each bedroom and outside each sleeping area.
- To reduce false alarms, mount smoke detectors on ceilings or high on walls, away from vents and kitchen appliances.

#### Maintenance

- Test monthly by pressing the **test button**.
- Replace batteries at least **once a year**.
- Replace the entire smoke detector every **ten years**.

#### Types

**Ionization:** Detects fast-flaming fires.  
**Photoelectric** – Detects slow, smoldering fires.  
**Dual Sensor:** Combines both technologies for maximum protection.

### CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that can come from malfunctioning fuel, burning appliances and can be deadly. Carbon monoxide detectors alert you early so you can get to safety.

- Install a carbon monoxide detector on every level of your home.
- Place a carbon monoxide detector outside each sleeping area.
- Mount each carbon monoxide detector about 5 feet above the floor or follow the manufacturer's instructions.

- Test monthly by pressing the **test button**.
- Replace batteries as recommended **by the manufacturer**.
- Replace the entire carbon monoxide detector every five to seven years (they lose sensitivity over time).

**Plug-in:** Easy to use; replace the backup battery yearly.

**Battery-powered:** Offers protection during power outages.

**Combined Units:** Combines smoke and CO detection in one device.



**Fire Prevention Week 2025 is Sunday, October 5 thru to Saturday, October 11.**

**Visit the [Regina Fire & Protective Services](https://www.reginafire.ca) website for information on Fire Station Open Houses.**



**University of Regina Annual Fire Evacuation Drills will be held on Monday, October 6 thru to Friday, October 10.**

**See the Deans and Directors email sent on Thursday, October 2 for more information**