



Effective March 1, 2006, it is the law for all Ontario homes to have a working smoke alarm on every storey and outside all sleeping areas. With this previously announced Fire Code amendment now in effect, it is hoped there will be a reduction of the number of preventable fire-related injuries and fatalities.

The amendment covers single family, semi-detached and town homes, whether owner-occupied or rented. The penalties for non-compliance of smoke alarm requirements remain the same:

- \$235 fine (total payable) under Part 1 (Certificates of offence) of the Provincial Offences Act; or**
- a maximum \$25,000 fine or up to one year in jail or both for individuals, and a maximum \$50,000 fine for corporations, under Subsection 28.(3) of the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997.**

For more information please visit the Office of the Fire Marshal's [website](#).