



# Smoke Alarms Save Lives!

## Dear Parents and Caregivers:

Did you know that every home in Manitoba is required to have a working smoke alarm on every level and outside all sleeping areas?

For added protection, install smoke alarms in every sleeping room.

If you don't have the required number of smoke alarms in your home, please install them immediately. Then take a few minutes to test the alarms with your children, practice your home fire escape plan and check off the boxes below.



## Remember: only working smoke alarms can save lives!

- When installing smoke alarms, refer to the manufacturer's instructions for information about correct placement.
- Test your smoke alarms every month using the test button.
- Replace the batteries in smoke alarms at least once a year and whenever the low-battery warning chirps.
- Smoke alarms don't last forever. Replace smoke alarms with new ones if they are more than 10 years old.
- Steam from the shower or cooking in the oven, stove or toaster can cause smoke alarms to activate. **DO NOT DISABLE THE SMOKE ALARM.** Instead, try moving it to a different location, or purchase a smoke alarm with a hush feature that will temporarily silence the alarm.
- When the alarm sounds, everyone must know what to do and where to go. Develop a home fire escape plan, showing two ways out of every room, if possible. Then practise it with your entire household.

**Kids:**  
**Remember to return  
 this form to your teacher!**

- Yes, we have smoke alarms on every level and outside all sleeping areas.
- Yes, we tested them by pressing the test button until the alarm sounded.
- Yes, we have practised our home fire escape plan.



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