

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



CO alarm installation requirements are outlined in
[Section 2.16 of Division B of the Fire Code \(O. Reg. 213/07\)](#)

