

Carbon Monoxide Detector and Smoke Alarm Legislation Chart

CANADA

Provincial and Territorial CO Detector and Smoke Alarm Legislation¹

Province/Territory	Mandatory CO Detector	Mandatory Smoke Alarm	Comments
British Columbia British Columbia Fire Code Article 2.1.3.3	✓*	✓	No provincial CO detector law. Smoke alarms must be installed in each dwelling unit.
Alberta Alberta Fire Code	✓	✓	All new residential construction containing a fuel-burning appliances, a solid-fuel-burning appliance or a storage garages require carbon monoxide alarms to be installed. All dwelling units are required to have a smoke alarm.
Saskatchewan	✓*	✓*	No provincial CO detector law. <i>The Canadian Electrical Code (Saskatchewan Amendments) Regulations, 2003</i> are repealed.
Manitoba Manitoba Building Code , Manitoba Fire Code	✓	✓	A building, meaning a structure used for dwelling, public or commercial purposes, or a mobile home, must have installed in it a CO alarm that is interconnected to the fire alarm system where a fire alarm is required. A smoke alarm must be installed in each sleeping room and on each floor.
Ontario Fire Protection and Prevention Act	✓	✓	Carbon monoxide alarms are required in all buildings that contain a residential occupancy with a fuel-burning appliance or storage garage. Smoke alarms are required in all dwelling units.
Quebec Building Act, r.3 Safety Code	✓	✓	A carbon monoxide alarm must be installed in every dwelling unit, residential occupancy for the elderly or residential board and care occupancy that contains a heating appliance or direct access to an indoor parking garage. Smoke alarms must be installed in every dwelling unit, on each storey and in each sleeping room that is not part of a dwelling unit.
New Brunswick Fire Prevention Act	✓*	✓*	No provincial CO detector law. <i>Smoke Alarms and Smoke Detectors Regulation of the Fire Prevention Act</i> was repealed.
Nova Scotia Fire Safety Act	✓*	✓	No provincial CO detector law. Smoke alarms are required in each sleeping area.
Prince Edward Island Fire Prevention Act	✗	✓	No provincial CO detector law. Smoke alarms are required in all bedrooms, outside each sleeping area, and on each level.
Newfoundland and Labrador Fire Prevention Act	✓*	✓	No provincial CO detector law. Every bedroom in every home or apartment is required to have a smoke alarm.
Yukon Oil-Fired Appliance Safety Statutory Amendment Act	✓	✓	The owners or occupants of any kind or class of building must install and maintain devices for the detection of fire, smoke or carbon monoxide.
Northwest Territories Fire Prevention Act	✗	✓	No provincial CO detector law. National Building Code of Canada is adopted, requiring smoke alarms in all new dwelling units, sleeping rooms, and on every floor.
Nunavut Fire Prevention Act	✗	✓	No provincial CO detector law. National Building Code of Canada is adopted, requiring smoke alarms in all new dwelling units, sleeping rooms, and on every floor.

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* Adopted National Model Construction Codes – National Fire Code of 2010

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