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NRH Notice

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SUBJECT: Fire Code – New Requirements for Multiple Smoke Alarms in all Residencies

Ontario Regulation 650/05 became law on December 12, 2005. This regulation, made under the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997*, commonly known as the Fire Code, now requires homes to have working smoke alarms on every level and outside all sleeping areas. It covers single family, semi-detached and town homes, whether owner-occupied or rented.

Municipal fire departments across Ontario will enforce this new regulation after March 1, 2006. For housing providers, non-compliance with the regulation can result in a \$235 ticket, or a fine of up to \$25,000.

For more information, please contact your local fire department or the Fire Safety Standards Section of the Office of the Fire Marshall at (416) 325-3100 or access their website at www.ofm.gov.on.ca.

Regulation 650/05 is available at www.e-laws.gov.on.ca.

Service Manager's Role

NRH will review compliance with the new regulation during the operational review process.

Housing Provider's Role

Housing providers are to ensure that smoke alarms are installed on every level of single family, semi-detached and town homes in accordance with O. Reg. 650/05 by March 1, 2006.

(Original signed by Lora Beckwith)

Lora Beckwith, General Manager