



Notice

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Niagara Regional Housing

APPLICABLE TO:

DATE: February 10, 2015

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Co-operative
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<input type="checkbox"/>	For Information

SUBJECT: Carbon Monoxide Alarms – *Hawkins Gignac Act 2013*

BACKGROUND

The *Hawkins Gignac Act 2013* amended the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act 1997 (FPPA)* to allow the regulation of carbon monoxide (CO) alarms through amendments to the Ontario Fire Code (OFC).

The CO alarm regulation came into force on October 15, 2014. The Ontario Building Code (OBC) and Ontario Fire Code (OFC) require the installation of CO alarms in residential occupancies only. Existing residential occupancies that contain at least one fuel-burning appliance (e.g., gas water heater, gas furnace, or gas make up air unit), fireplace, or an attached garage require the installation of a CO alarm.

Buildings that contain no more than six suites of residential occupancy are required to comply with the installation and replacement requirements within 6 months or by April 15, 2015.

Buildings that contain more than six suites of residential occupancy are required to comply with the installation and replacement requirements within 12 months or October 15, 2015.

Please refer to the attached Questions and Answers document for the specific locations where CO alarms are required to be installed, replacement of CO alarms, testing of alarms and other general information.

Also attached is a copy of the *Hawkins Gignac Act 2013*.

Housing Provider's Role

Housing providers are required to comply with the above Act by the deadlines noted.

Service Manager's Role

NRH will review compliance with legislation during the operational review process.

If you have any questions regarding the installation of CO alarms, please contact Sean Sissons, Asset Administrator at 905-682-9201 ext. 3914.



Ellen Balmain, General Manager

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Questions & Answers – Carbon Monoxide Alarms
Hawkins Gignac Act 2013