

SMOKE ALARM ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

Building Address: _____
Owner / Manager Name: _____ Phone: _____
Owner / Manager Email: _____ Date: _____

I, the tenant of _____, acknowledge that an operating smoke alarm, hard-wired or battery operated, is installed on each level of my rental unit in accordance with **Ontario Fire Code (OFC) 2.13.2.1.**, which states:

- (1) A smoke alarm shall be installed
 - (a) if a sleeping area in a dwelling unit is served by a hallway, in the hallway, and
 - (b) if a sleeping area in a dwelling unit is not served by a hallway, between the sleeping area and the remainder of the dwelling unit, and
 - (c) if a sleeping area is not within a dwelling unit, in the sleeping room, and
 - (d) on each storey without a sleeping area in a dwelling unit
- (2) A smoke alarm shall
 - (a) be permanently connected to an electrical circuit with no disconnect switch between the overcurrent device and the smoke alarm, or
 - (b) be battery-operated

The owner/manager has instructed me on how to test the smoke alarm and has provided me with a copy of the manufacturers maintenance procedures as per **OFC 6.3.3.4**, which states:

The landlord of each rental suite shall give the tenant a copy of the smoke alarm manufacturer's maintenance instructions or approved alternative maintenance instructions.

I know that if any of the following conditions occur, I am required by law to contact the owner/manager at the phone number and/or email address provided above, as per **OFC 6.3.3.5.**, which states:

- (1) A tenant of a rental suite shall notify the landlord as soon as the tenant becomes aware that
 - (a) a smoke alarm in the unit is disconnected, or
 - (b) a smoke alarm in the unit is not operating, or
 - (c) the operation of a smoke alarm in the unit is impaired.

I also understand that if anyone disables the smoke alarm(s), they will be prosecuted under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act (FPPA) for disabling a smoke alarm, as per **OFC 6.3.3.6**, which states:

No person shall disable a smoke alarm.

I acknowledge that the owner/manager is required to replace the smoke alarm(s) within the time frame indicated in the manufacturer's instructions and/or the sticker date located on the smoke alarm. Additionally, the owner/manager shall test the smoke alarm(s) in accordance with **OFC 6.3.3.8.**, which states:

- (2) The landlord shall test smoke alarms annually and after every change in tenancy.
- (3) The landlord shall test battery-operated smoke alarms after the battery is replaced.
- (4) The landlord shall test smoke alarms that are connected to an electrical circuit after any change is made to the electrical circuit.

Finally, I understand that there are additional provisions in the **OFC**, that may reference other codes/standards, such as the **Ontario Building Code (OBC)**, and which may apply to the installation, maintenance, and/or testing of smoke alarms. I acknowledge that it is the responsibility of both the owner/manager and the tenant to be familiar with all provisions of the OFC that pertain to the unit being rented, and that failure to comply with any portion of the OFC could result in prosecution under the FPPA.

Owner/Manager - Print Name

Tenant - Print Name

Owner/Manager - Signature

Tenant - Signature