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**Peace of Mind for Your Piece of Heaven**

*Is Your Cottage Protected from fire and carbon monoxide?*

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### Make Fire and Carbon Monoxide Safety a part of your Cottage Opening Ritual

Attention all Cottagers:

Did you know that you may have less than One Minute to escape a burning cottage or home? This is why it is so critical that everyone prepares and practices a cottage or home escape plan, as well as being aware of the requirements for maintaining and replacing their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

Follow these 5 steps to protect your family and guests from fire and carbon monoxide danger:

1. On Day One of cottage season, prepare and practice a fire escape plan ensuring, wherever possible, that you have two ways out of every room of your cottage.
2. Check the age of all smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Immediately replace smoke alarms over 10 years old and CO alarms over 7 years depending on the manufacturer. This is required whether alarms are plug-in, hardwired or battery powered.
3. Install fresh batteries in all alarms, especially those in cottages that were closed down for the winter as cold drains battery power.
4. The same Ontario law applies in cottages as in permanent homes – working smoke alarms are required on every storey of your cottage and outside all sleeping areas.
5. Cottages with fireplaces or fuel-burning appliances of any kind (eg. propane or gas stove, furnace, water heater etc.) should have a carbon monoxide alarm – this is law in many cottage municipalities.

Visit [www.safeathome.ca/pieceofheaven](http://www.safeathome.ca/pieceofheaven) for more tips.

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