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## **Barrie Fire challenges residents to be “saved by the beep”**

(Barrie, ON) - The Barrie Fire and Emergency Service (BFES) is calling on all Barrie residents to test their smoke alarms on September 28 as part of Test Your Smoke Alarm Day. Be prepared to be Saved by the Beep with a working smoke alarm – it is your best chance to keep you and your family safe in the event of a fire.

The City of Barrie is joining communities across the province by asking everyone to take a minute and ensure there are working smoke alarms installed in their home. Lives can be saved by regularly testing smoke alarms at least once a month, refreshing batteries at least once a year, and replacing smoke alarms older than 10 years.

### Quick Facts:

- By law, every home in Ontario must have a working smoke alarm on every storey and outside all sleeping areas.
- It is the homeowner’s responsibility to install and maintain smoke alarms on every storey of their home and outside sleeping areas and a landlord’s responsibility to ensure their rental properties comply with the law.
- If you are a tenant of a rental property and do not have the required number of smoke alarms, contact your landlord immediately. It is against the law for tenants to remove the batteries or tamper with the alarm in any way.
- Failure to comply with the [Fire Code](#) smoke alarm requirements can result in ticket or fine.

For more information visit [barrie.ca/firesafety](http://barrie.ca/firesafety).

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