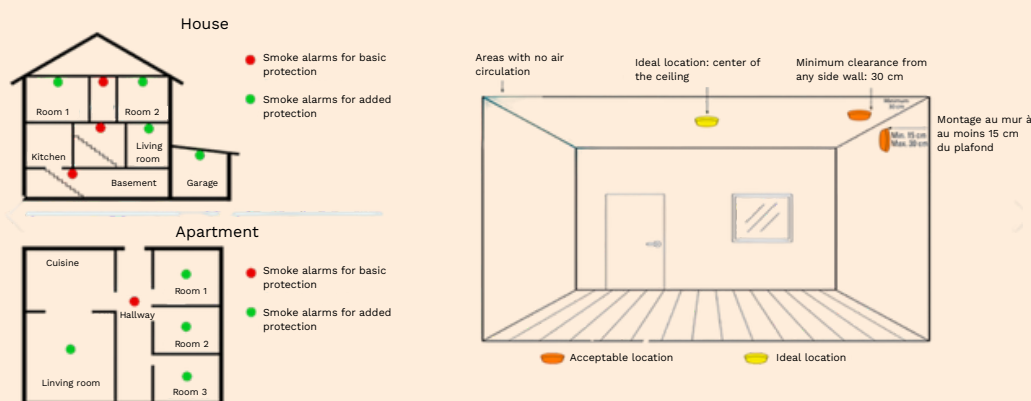


Life-saving Verifications



Smoke Alarms

- Install at least one smoke alarm per floor, or even one per room, and install it in the right place in the room



Test them every month by pressing the test button for a few seconds

Make sure to never paint your alarms

Every year

- Change the batteries in your alarms if they have them
- Check their ability to detect smoke by bringing a recently extinguished candle that produces smoke near them
- Clean the alarms by gently vacuuming the outside of the casing
- Ensure that your alarms are less than 10 years old by checking the date on the casing. If no date is indicated, the detector must be replaced



Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- Install a carbon monoxide alarm if your heating systems run on wood, gas, or oil, if your appliances operate on gas or propane, if you have an attached garage, or if you use a generator
- Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for installing alarms, either in the hallway near the bedrooms or in the room adjacent to the potential source of carbon monoxide
- Every month, test your alarms by pressing the test button for a few seconds to hear the sound signal
- Each year, you should clean the alarms by lightly vacuuming the outside of the casing. Never paint them
- Monitor the date of your alarms; its lifespan varies between 7 and 10 years according to the manufacturer's requirements



Portable fire extinguisher

- The fire extinguishers provided by the housing department are multipurpose extinguishers, class A-B-C, which correspond to the fires most likely to occur in a home
- If a fire occurs in your home, you must call emergency services as soon as possible and notify the housing department. Your extinguisher will be replaced
- Install the portable extinguisher in an accessible place, near an exit and away from potential fire sources such as the stove
- Check the accessibility and condition of your extinguisher once a month. Ensure that the nozzle is not blocked and that the gauge needle indicates the correct pressure
- To use the extinguisher, follow the manufacturer's instructions on the extinguisher's label



Evacuation plan

- The evacuation plan is designed to help you exit your home as quickly as possible in the event of a fire and reunite with your entire family in a safe place. [Use this template](#) (french only) to create your plan
- Place the evacuation plan in a visible location and plan ways to contact emergency services once at the outdoor meeting point, such as going to a neighbour's home if you do not have a cell phone with you
- If applicable, plan the evacuation of children, elderly individuals, and people with disabilities who may have difficulty hearing the smoke detector or moving around
- Conduct an evacuation drill at least twice a year when testing your smoke detectors, with all members of the household. Follow these steps:
 - Make sure your emergency exits are clear of any obstacles (bulky objects, snow)
 - Activate the smoke detector
 - Set a timer to measure your evacuation time and evacuate your home according to your evacuation plan, aiming to do so in under 3 minutes
 - Once outside, go to the meeting point
 - Debrief your evacuation and make adjustments to improve