

Public Service Announcement

September 28 is Test Your Smoke Alarm Day

Start Date: September 21, 2026

End Date: September 28, 2026

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The Department of Community Services' Nunavut Fire Marshal's Office is reminding Nunavummiut that September 28 is Test Your Smoke Alarm Day.

Smoke alarms provide an early warning of fire and can give you and your family valuable time to get outside safely. But a smoke alarm can only help protect you if it's working.

Take a few minutes to check the smoke alarms in your home.

- Press and hold the test button on each smoke alarm until you hear the alarm sound.
- Test every smoke alarm in your home, not just the one closest to you.
- If an alarm does not sound when tested, replace the battery if it has a replacement battery. If it still does not work, the alarm may need to be replaced.
- Never remove a battery or disable a smoke alarm because of nuisance alarms.
- Make testing your smoke alarms part of your routine every month.

If you rent your home or live in student housing:

Landlords are responsible for testing smoke alarms annually and for maintaining and replacing smoke alarms. Tenants and students are still encouraged to test the smoke alarms in their home every month by pressing the test button and listening for the beep.

Monthly testing can help identify a problem between annual inspections. If a smoke alarm does not sound when tested, is damaged, has been disconnected or appears to be missing, contact your landlord or housing provider right away.

Know what to do when the alarm sounds.

Everyone in your household should recognize the sound of the smoke alarm and know what to do when it sounds.

Talk with your family about how you would get outside during a fire, identify your exits, and choose a safe meeting place outside. Children should know that when a smoke alarm sounds, they need to get outside with an adult and stay outside.

Hear the beep. Know it works.

For more information about fire safety, visit [Nunavut Fire Marshal's office | Government of Nunavut](#).

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