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Statement from The City of Humboldt on SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Humboldt, SK – The Humboldt Fire Department would like to advise residents that on January 1, 2022, the Construction Codes Act and Building Code Regulations came into effect in Saskatchewan replacing the Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act and Regulations (UBAS Act and Regs), respectively. With this change, new regulations include mandatory smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in residential buildings that will come into force on July 1, 2022.

"Some homes in Humboldt may not have functioning carbon monoxide alarms," says Mike Kwasnica, Fire Chief of the Humboldt Fire Department. "Often called the invisible killer, CO is an odorless, colorless gas created when fuels burn incompletely. We want all residents to understand the requirements for CO alarms."

The Building Code Regulations states the following:

Every building that contains a residential occupancy is required to have:

- A smoke alarm installed inside each bedroom, in the bedroom corridor, and each storey without a bedroom. (Smoke alarms are permitted to be battery operated. If the building was constructed before June 6, 1988, then the batteries used for the smoke alarms must be 10-year batteries.)
- A carbon monoxide alarm installed inside each bedroom OR within 5 m (16') of each bedroom door. (Carbon monoxide alarms are permitted to be battery operated. If the



building was constructed before October 1, 2009, then the batteries used for the carbon monoxide alarms must be 10-year batteries.)

Humboldt residents with questions and/or concerns about smoke or carbon monoxide alarm requirements may contact the Humboldt Fire Department at (306) 682-2525 Ext 324 or send an email to hfd@humboldt.ca. They can also visit NFPA's Web site at <http://www.nfpa.org/CO> or humboldt.ca for more information.

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