

Fires at the cottage... be safe this summer

Cottage Season is here. Remember, it is law in Ontario to have working alarms on each storey and outside all sleeping areas in your cottage, as it is in your home. Fire Chiefs across cottage country want you to have peace-of-mind at your piece-of-heaven. Heed these five tips:

- **Change smoke alarm batteries at least once per year.**
- **Replace all smoke alarms over 10 years old.**
- **If your cottage has a fireplace, or gas or propane appliances, install at least one carbon monoxide detector.**
- **Clean heating appliances and barbecues before use. Ensure all combustibles, as well as children and pets, are kept well away while grilling.**
- **Check with local authorities for restrictions on campfires or burning brush.**

Enjoy the summer of 2010 while being fire and CO safe.

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