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## **Oil-fired appliance regulations have come into effect**

WHITEHORSE—New regulations to protect Yukoners from the risks of fire and carbon monoxide poisoning in their homes have come into effect.

"Installing and properly maintaining smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are among the best ways to protect your life and home," said Minister of Community Services Currie Dixon. "These regulations will now require all dwelling units to have this life-saving equipment installed."

The regulations require fire alarms in all dwellings, carbon monoxide alarms in all dwellings with a fuel-burning device or an attached garage, and the installation and modification of oil-fired appliances and fuel oil storage tanks by qualified oil-burner mechanics. Property owners must ensure that fire and carbon monoxide alarms are installed and working, that equipment is maintained and serviced, and that permits are in place for the installation or modification of oil-fired home heating systems.

"Public campaigns such as Seriously Simple and the distribution of free smoke and carbon monoxide alarms have helped educate Yukoners about prevention and early detection of danger," added Dixon. "As well, the introduction of the registry of qualified oil-burner mechanics will provide Yukoners with additional assurance about the safety of their home heating systems."

In advance of the changes, the Yukon government strengthened local capacity by creating an oil-burner mechanic program at Yukon College. The Department of Community Services' Building Safety office provides heating system inspection training to building inspectors and will now maintain a public registry of qualified oil-burner mechanics in Yukon.

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