

NEWS RELEASE

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Overnight House Fire started in Bathroom

Interconnected Smoke alarm alerts tenants to act on an incipient fire

Summary

On Wednesday night working smoke alarms alerted tenants to an accidental fire started in a bathroom on Bowen Rd. Two occupants escaped the fire and quick action with extinguishers and removal of the object on fire saved the home. The occupants were temporarily displaced from a basement suite as a result of the fire. The home is insured however the renters in the suite do not have any type of insurance.

Strategic Link: Smoke alarms enhance community safety and increase the livability of our city.

Key Points

- Working smoke alarms save lives and property
- Improperly extinguished cigarettes are among the top 3 causes of fires.
- Nanaimo Fire Rescue recommends all citizens look at purchasing home and/or tenant insurance.

Quotes

"Early warning from a smoke alarm resulted in quick action by the tenants to extinguish an incipient fire in a rental home."

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Quick Facts

- Improperly extinguished cigarettes are one of the top 3 causes of fire.
- Many renters do not have adequate insurance to cover accidental loss.
- Working smoke alarms helped to alert the household to evacuate and extinguish the fire.

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