

A man in a dark uniform is holding a white sign in front of his face. The sign contains text about life demands and by-laws.

**YOUR LIFE
DEMANDS
IT, AND SO
DOES THE
BY-LAW!**

**Avoid worries
and fines:
Be informed!**



Montréal 

The by-laws are intended to help the Service de sécurité incendie de Montréal (SIM) manage fire risks on Montréal Island.

By-law concerning the Service de sécurité incendie de Montréal, RCG 12-003

This by-law applies to the 16 cities and towns that make up the Montréal agglomeration. It describes the responsibilities of the SIM and establishes its powers. The by-law prescribes the minimum essential standards for maintaining fire protection and rescue systems and equipment, as well as obligations concerning smoke alarms.

Fire safety by-laws

Montréal and the 15 related municipalities of the Montréal agglomeration have adopted new fire safety by-laws. The 16 by-laws in question are all based on the National Fire Code of Canada – 2010.

These by-laws specify various standards, in particular for:

- Fire protection of buildings and their occupants;
- Storage inside and outside buildings;
- Storage and handling of flammable and combustible liquids;
- Industrial processes and operations that constitute a fire risk;
- Inspection and maintenance of fire protection equipment in buildings.

New inspection process

Updating and harmonizing the existing fire safety by-laws across the Montréal agglomeration were key objectives of the fire safety risk coverage plan. Since all the cities making up the Montréal agglomeration have now adopted new fire safety by-laws, the SIM is applying its standardized inspection process, to effectively manage fire risks on Montréal Island. This change in the level of management of fire risks means that legal steps can be taken to enforce certain elements deemed critically important for personal safety, as of the first inspection.

See ville.montreal.qc.ca/sim/reglements for more information.



Fines for non-compliance

Fines range from \$500 to \$2,000 for a first offence by an individual, and from \$1,000 to \$4,000 for a first offence by a corporation.

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Smoke alarms are not optional, they're mandatory!

- Property owners must install functional smoke alarms on every floor of a dwelling and replace them at least every 10 years after the manufacturing date.
- The occupants of a dwelling unit must maintain the smoke alarms and keep them in good working order, including replacing the battery as necessary.
- In residential buildings or condos equipped with a fire alarm system, owners must keep a record of the annual inspection of smoke alarms and fire alarm systems.



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call 9-1-1.

