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### Third Edition CAN/ULC-S553-14

### STANDARD FOR INSTALLATION OF SMOKE ALARMS

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ULC is pleased to announce the publication of the Third Edition of CAN/ULC-S553-14, Standard for Installation of Smoke Alarms. This National Standard of Canada has been approved by the ULC Committee on Fire Alarm and Life Safety Equipment and Systems, and has been published under the date of February 2014.

CAN/ULC-S553 applies to the installation of smoke alarms that are powered by batteries or by permanent connections to electrical circuits within dwelling units as well as within sleeping rooms or areas that are not part of dwelling units.

Revisions to this Edition of the Standard include:

1. New Glossary definitions for new terms in the standard, such as care occupancy, heat alarm and accessory devices;
2. New section on smoke alarm testing and testers participants, giving direction to make sure testers are qualified;
3. New section on documentation including an informative appendix note with a suggested form for record keeping;
4. Enhanced guidelines on installation of compatible devices and interconnection;
5. Guidelines on installation near cooking areas;
6. Expanded appendices and
7. Updated figures.

CAN/ULC-S553 is currently referenced in the National Building and Fire Codes of Canada.

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It is recommended that users obtain CAN/ULC-S553 together with its twin document CAN/ULC-S552-14, Standard for Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Smoke Alarms. These standards can be purchased individually for CAD\$ 204 (hardcopy) / CAD \$170 (PDF format) or, as a set for CAD \$ 324 (hardcopy) / CAD \$ 270 (PDF format), through our website at [www.ulc.ca](http://www.ulc.ca) and by selecting the link to *ULC Standards*. Once on the ULC Standards homepage, select *Sales of ULC Standards Materials* for further details.

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