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Dear Friend,

Welcome to Kingston! We want your stay with us to be safe and enjoyable. Please check to ensure you have a working smoke alarm outside of your sleeping area and on each level of your home. If you do not, advise your landlord and they should address immediately. If they do not, please contact Fire Prevention at 613-548-4001 Ext 5123 or fireprevention@cityofkingston.ca. Do not go even one night without a working smoke alarm.

If there are natural gas appliances in your home or an attached garage you also require a carbon monoxide alarm outside sleeping areas. If you do not, advise your landlord and they should address immediately. If they do not, please contact Fire Prevention at 613-548-4001 Ext 5123 or fireprevention@cityofkingston.ca. Do not go even one night without a working carbon monoxide alarm.

Included in your bag is a card with the common causes of fire and how to complete a home self-fire safety inspection. You can win a $100 gift card for completing the inspection.

Most fires occur in the kitchen, so we've included a pizza cutter with a safety message reminding you to watch what you heat.

Alcohol and drugs are a factor in 40% of our residential fires. If you or roommates are drinking excessively – do not cook! Each year in Ontario over 50 people get drunk, start to cook, pass out and die in a fire. Please look out for yourself and your roommates.

Please do not participate in generating malicious fire alarms in Queen's buildings or elsewhere. We get far too many of these which delay us significantly when dealing with real emergencies.

Enjoy Kingston, learn lots and have a terrific time in our beautiful City. If you have any fire safety concerns, please reach out to us – there is no cost involved.

Best Regards,

Del Blakney, Fire Inspector
Kingston Fire & Rescue