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No Working Smoke Alarms Results in Charges

An East Side couple is lucky today after a fire occurred in their kitchen on Tuesday evening.

"This is a situation that was predictable and preventable" said Fire Chief Ed Nowak. "Cooking is the number one cause of home fires. Don't leave cooking unattended."

The home was not equipped with working smoke alarms and the occupant has been charged with "Failure to Install a Smoke Alarm as Required". The fine for not having working smoke alarms in your home is \$235. This is the second fine given out in the last week.

In order to survive a fire, you need to be provided with an early warning and know what to do when the smoke alarms sound. The Ontario Fire Code requires that all homes and apartments have working smoke alarms between the living and sleeping area on each level.

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