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FOCA believes everyone has the right to stay informed about issues affecting waterfront and rural property owners. Please forward this message to EVERY member of your association and encourage them to sign up directly for future Elerts. Protect your investment in the health of Ontario's waterfront. FOCA. Your lake. Your lifestyle. Your legacy.



FOCA asks: Is your cottage safe?

Fire & Carbon Monoxide Safety Update

FOCA Special Elert

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Click this short video to get on-track about fire and carbon monoxide safety

Protect your "piece of heaven"

In cottage country, we have to be self-sufficient and look out for our families and neighbours. That's a long-standing cottage tradition.

We come to the cottage to relax and escape day-to-day responsibilities, but we still need to take some simple steps to prepare for emergencies. FOCA supports fire-safe cottages, and cottage communities. That means preventing fire tragedies outside and inside the home.

Take a few minutes to review the information in this special Elert, and pass it along to everyone you care about at the lake.

Carbon Monoxide: the "Silent Killer"

How do you protect against a killer you can't see, smell or taste?
Carbon monoxide (CO) can come from any of the following:

- a wood or gas fireplace or range
- gas or propane appliances
- an attached garage
- gas or oil water heaters or furnaces

Visit www.endthesilence.ca to hear a first-hand account of the tragedy of the silent killer from John Gignac, a retired firefighter who lost his niece and her family to carbon monoxide poisoning. "They seemed to have it all," says Gignac, "But they did not have a CO alarm in their home."

FOCA supports efforts to **pass Bill 69** to make carbon monoxide alarms mandatory for all Ontario residential buildings. Please let your elected officials know how important this law is to you, your family and your community. You can find links to your municipal and provincial representatives on the [Hot Topics](#) page of the FOCA website. (Look for "**Who's in Charge?**" along the lower left-hand side of the page.)



MPP Ernie Hardeman and John Gignac urge Queen's Park to pass Bill 69.

More about the Cottage Fire Safety Outreach Program

[Read the press release](#) about "**Peace of Mind for your Piece of Heaven**" and cottage fire & carbon monoxide safety. Terry Rees of FOCA adds his voice to the story...



Make a difference at your lake

FOCA Associations: we encourage you to [sign up online as a Partner](#) in the 2011 Cottage Fire Safety Outreach program "**Peace of Mind for your Piece of Heaven**." It's quick and easy to do.

Sign up right away to take advantage of **product discounts** from Kidde on fire safety products for all your members.

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You will also receive web-ready safety information that you can use on your association website, and get your association name posted on the [Piece of Heaven](#) website.

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organization that supports the interests of Ontario's waterfront property owners.



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