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Ontario Regulation 260/25: Administrative Penalties

On November 26, 2025, Ontario Regulation 260/25, made under the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997* (FPPA), was filed. The regulation gives municipalities the option to use Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) as a progressive enforcement tool that could be imposed upon anyone, including tenants, owners, and corporations, who contravenes certain provisions of the Ontario Fire Code. The regulation comes into force on January 1, 2026.

Municipalities could choose to issue AMPs under the FPPA and would be able to use AMPs alone or in conjunction with existing enforcement tools under the Act.

For more detailed information on AMPs under the FPPA, see <u>Fire Marshal's</u> <u>Communique 2025-3</u> and the *AMPs under the FPPA: Proposed Regulatory Framework Policy Paper* posted on the Ontario Regulatory Registry.

Amendments to the FPPA made through the *Enhancing Access to Justice Act*, 2024, enabled the authority to create a regulatory framework for AMPs (see <u>Fire Marshal's Communique 2023-11</u>).

Fire departments with enquiries regarding O. Reg. 260/25 may contact their fire protection adviser directly or may email their queries to askofm@ontario.ca.

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