



HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST



Inside the home Alarms*

- ☐ There are smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms on every level of the home.
- ☐ You test smoke/carbon monoxide alarms once per month.
- ☐ Batteries are replaced yearly.
- ☐ You can hear all alarms in the home, especially in sleeping areas.
- ☐ Smoke alarms more than 10 years old are replaced.

*Check manufacturer's instructions on alarm installation, testing, maintenance and replacement requirements

Escape planning

- ☐ Family/residents have prepared and practiced a home fire escape plan, including meeting place.
- ☐ Everyone knows what to do once a fire starts, including those who help children, older adults and pets.
- ☐ Everyone knows two exits from each bedroom or sleeping area.
- ☐ Entrances are free and clear of obstructions.
- ☐ Overnight guests are aware of the home escape plan and meeting place.
- ☐ Everyone knows to call 9-1-1 in an emergency from a safe phone outside the residence.
- ☐ Everyone knows to **get out and stay out**. No one goes back in!

Kitchen

- ☐ Cooking is never left unattended.
- ☐ Check for cracked/worn electrical cords on appliances.
- ☐ Countertop appliances are unplugged when not in use.
- ☐ Curtains and towels are clear of heat sources.
- ☐ There is a fire extinguisher near the kitchen.

Living areas

- ☐ Cracked/worn electrical cords are replaced as needed.
- ☐ Electrical outlets are never overloaded.
- ☐ Wires or electrical cords do not run under carpets/rugs.
- ☐ Extension cords are not used as permanent wiring.
- ☐ Gas and/or wood fireplaces have screens.
- ☐ Gas appliances are inspected annually.
- ☐ Wood fireplace chimneys are cleaned annually.
- ☐ Electronics have airspace to prevent overheating.
- ☐ Portable heaters are away from doorways, combustibles and high-traffic areas.
- ☐ Hallways are clear of obstructions.
- ☐ Candles are extinguished when you leave the room or LED battery-operated candles are used.

Bedrooms

- ☐ Lamps are clear of combustibles like curtains or clothing.
- ☐ Bedroom doors are closed at night. (This can save your life.)
- ☐ Candles are extinguished before sleep or LED battery-operated candles are used.
- ☐ Windows open easily. (Security bars are quickly and easily opened from the inside.)
- ☐ Second- and third-level bedrooms have escape ladders.
- ☐ A phone is near your bed. (landline or cell phone)
- ☐ No one smokes in bed.

Basement

- ☐ Electrical panel is clear of obstructions.
- ☐ Furnace and hot water tank are clear of obstructions and combustibles.
- ☐ The furnace room stores no flammables.

Garage

- ☐ Gasoline is stored in an approved container in the shed, NOT in the garage.
- ☐ Used rags are stored in a metal container with a tight-fitting lid.
- ☐ A fire extinguisher is located in the garage.
- ☐ Garage is kept clear of sawdust/wood shavings.
- ☐ No car is ever left idling in the garage.

Other

- ☐ Matches and lighters are always out of the reach of children.
- ☐ Important papers (eg. documents, identification, heirlooms) are in a fire-resistant safe.

Outside the home

- ☐ Cigarettes are never extinguished in planters, on grass, in peat moss or mulch.
- ☐ Barbeques and firepits are a safe distance from the house and from combustibles (siding, decks, etc.)
- ☐ Children stay a safe distance from barbeques and firepits.
- ☐ Firepits are never left unsupervised.
- ☐ There is no debris or dead vegetation near the house
- ☐ Trees are pruned and thinned to reduce fuel potential.
- ☐ Woodpiles are stacked away from the house
- ☐ Branches hanging over or touching the roof are trimmed back.

Emergency preparedness

- ☐ Create an Emergency Kit: Include essentials like water, food, medications, important documents. Go to <https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/> for more details.



Perth Fire Services

In case of an emergency: dial 9-1-1

Non-emergency call: 613-267-5574

Fire dispatch non-emergency: 613-283-1234

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