



Fire Safety Tip Sheet

Smoke Alarms

- Install working smoke alarms on every storey of the home and outside all sleeping areas. It's the law.
- For extra protection, install a smoke alarm in every bedroom.
- Test your smoke alarms once a month.
- Change smoke alarm batteries annually or whenever the low-battery warning sounds.
- Replace smoke alarms that are more than ten years old.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for installing, testing and maintaining smoke alarms.

Home Fire Escape Planning

- Develop a home fire escape plan and practice it with the entire family.
- Make sure everyone knows two ways out of each room, if possible.
- Determine who will be responsible for helping young children, older adults or anyone else that may need assistance when escaping.
- Choose a meeting place outside, such as a tree or lamp post, where everyone can be accounted for.
- Call the fire department from outside the home, from a cell phone or neighbour's home.
- Once out, stay out. Never re-enter a burning building.
- Keep all exits in the home clear and easy to use.

Things to Consider to Prevent Fire in Your Home

- Always stay in the kitchen when you are cooking.
- Always blow out candles before leaving the room.
- If anyone in the home smokes, smoke outside.
- Never smoke in bed.
- Ensure items that can burn are one metre away from space heaters.
- Avoid overloading the electrical outlets. Extension cords should be used only as a temporary connection.
- Avoid running cords under rugs, which can damage the cord and cause a fire.