

What You Need to Know About Fire Safety in Your Building

Distractions are Dangerous

A main cause of home stove-top fires is unattended cooking due to distractions like answering the phone, unexpected visitors, attending to children, falling asleep and forgetfulness.

What's your plan?

Ask yourself: if there's a fire in the building, am I familiar with the emergency procedures and know how to get out of the building quickly?

Know what you will do before a fire happens.

Smoke Alarms

The Ontario Fire Code requires each apartment/condo unit to have working smoke alarms located outside sleeping areas. Smoke alarms should be tested monthly and batteries replaced at least once a year.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms

CO alarms are required outside of each sleeping area in units that have fuel-burning appliances and/or a common wall, floor or ceiling with the service room and/or garage. Not all units may need a CO alarm.

Fire Safety is a Shared Responsibility

It's the responsibility of the homeowner, landlord or property manager to install and maintain working smoke and CO alarms.

Tenants are responsible to notify the landlord if smoke or CO alarms are not working.

Never remove batteries or disable alarms.

FIRE WON'T WAIT... PLAN YOUR ESCAPE!



For all emergencies dial

9-1-1



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APARTMENT FIRE SAFETY

What's your escape plan?



GO Right Away

When should you go?

- If the fire is in your apartment unit.
- If your exit is clear of smoke or fire.
- If you are physically able to exit the building.

What should you do?

- Remain calm and exit your unit.
- Take your key with you and close the door behind you.
- Activate the fire alarm pull station, which should be located by the exit stairs.
- Leave the building via the EXIT stairwell.

When should you stay?

- If your exit is blocked by smoke or fire.

What should you do?

- Remain calm.
- Keep your unit closed, but unlock it.
- Protect in place. Seal the door completely with tape or place a wet towel across the bottom to prevent smoke from entering your unit.
- Call 9-1-1 from a safe location and tell them your where you are. Explain there is an emergency in your building and you are unable to evacuate. The 9-1-1 communicator will provide instructions.



Butt Out

Did you know?

- Careless smoking is the No. 1 cause of home fire deaths in Canada.
- Smokers materials (cigarettes, pipes) is the ignition source that is involved in the most fatal fires in Ontario.

Stop Smoking Fires with These Simple Tips

- If you smoke, smoke outside.
- Never smoke in bed.
- Use deep wide ashtrays that cannot be knocked over.
- Empty ashes into a metal container – not the garbage can – and put it outside.
- Before you throw out butts and ashes, cover in water or sand.
- Never throw lit cigarette butts off balconies.
- Do not put out cigarettes in plant pots, which may contain flammable materials like peat moss, and bark that can easily ignite.



What's Cooking

Cooking is a leading cause of home fires in Ontario. Unattended cooking is the main cause of many fire injuries and deaths.

Be Fire-safe in the Kitchen

- Stay in the kitchen when cooking. If you have to leave – even for a minute – turn off the stove and remove the pot/pan.
- Keep things that can catch fire – like oven mitts, towels or food packaging – away from your stove-top.
- Keep a proper-fitting pot lid nearby when cooking. Don't try to move a pot if it catches fire. Instead, slide a lid or baking sheet over the pot and turn off the burner.
- Don't cook if you are under the influence of alcohol, cannabis or medication that makes you drowsy.