



ENGLISH

Calgary Fire Department

Home fire safety checklist

Complete this home fire safety checklist with your family or the residents of your home.



Outside the home

- ☐ Cigarettes are always disposed of in a deep, wide, sturdy metal container with a lid. The container should be filled part way with sand or water that is emptied regularly.
- ☐ Barbeques and fire pits are a safe distance from your home and from material (trees, branches or plants) that can catch on fire.
- ☐ Children stay a safe distance from barbeques and fire pits.
- ☐ Fire pits are never left unsupervised.
- ☐ There is no debris or dead plants near your home.
- ☐ Trees are trimmed and thinned.
- ☐ Woodpiles are stacked away from your home.
- ☐ Branches hanging over or touching the roof of your home are trimmed back.



Phoning 9-1-1 when you need help

Phoning 9-1-1 any time you have an emergency is the fastest way to get the help you need. It is free to phone 9-1-1. Translation in more than 200 languages is available for non-English speaking 9-1-1 phone calls.

You should phone 9-1-1 when you:

- See a fire. Even if the fire is on a stove or outside in an alley or any other place that seems far away from buildings.
- See a medical emergency or if someone else is seriously injured or sick.
- Smell smoke or your carbon monoxide alarm goes off.
- See a crime, vandalism, assault, robbery, a prowler or an impaired driver.
- Smell natural gas. Natural gas smells like rotten eggs. If you smell natural gas in your home, leave immediately and leave the lights and appliances alone.

Accidental 9-1-1 phone calls

Calgary 9-1-1 receives more than 300 accidental phone calls every day. Most accidental phone calls to 9-1-1 come from cellphones – so called “pocket dials.” Put your cellphone on standby mode, store it in a holster, or contact your service provider for other solutions to prevent accidentally phoning 9-1-1.

If you do phone 9-1-1 by mistake, don’t hang up right away. Stay on the phone and let the operator know that you don’t require assistance.

Visit calgary.ca/911 for more information.



calgary.ca/homesafetyprogram

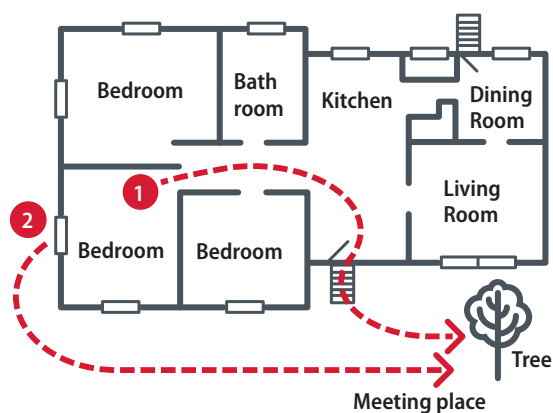


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These checklists will help you identify any fire hazards that may exist in your home and provide helpful tips on how you can protect your family and home from a fire.

Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms

- ☐ At least one smoke and carbon monoxide alarm is installed on every level of your home.
- ☐ Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are tested at least once per month or according to the manufacturer’s instructions.
- ☐ You replace smoke alarm batteries once a year (unless batteries are 10-year lithium).
- ☐ The sound from your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms can be heard throughout your home, especially in sleeping areas.
- ☐ You replace smoke alarms that are more than 10 years old.



Home fire escape plan

- ☐ You prepared and practised a home fire escape plan, including picking a safe meeting place outside of your home.
- ☐ Everyone knows what to do if a fire starts, including who helps children, older adults and pets.
- ☐ Everyone knows the two exits from each bedroom or sleeping area.
- ☐ All items that may block escape routes are removed.
- ☐ Doors and windows can open easily and are not blocked.
- ☐ Your overnight guests are aware of the home fire escape plan and the meeting place outside your home.
- ☐ Everyone knows to call 9-1-1 in an emergency from a safe phone outside your home.
- ☐ If your home is on fire, everyone knows to get out, stay out and that no one goes back into the home.

DID YOU KNOW?

Calling 311 provides you with information on City of Calgary services and bylaws. Citizens can also report concerns or bylaw violations in their community. 311 offers language translation services in more than 200 languages.



Kitchen

- ☐ An adult is always present in the kitchen when food is cooking.
- ☐ Electrical cords on appliances are in good condition without cracks or frayed areas.
- ☐ Countertop appliances are unplugged when not in use.
- ☐ Curtains and towels are clear of heat sources such as stoves, toasters and grills.
- ☐ There is a fire extinguisher near the kitchen.

Living areas

Living rooms

- ☐ Electrical cords on electronics or lamps are in good condition, without cracks or frayed areas.
- ☐ There are only two electronics or lamps plugged into an outlet at once.
- ☐ Wires or electrical cords do not run under carpets or rugs.
- ☐ Extension cords are not used as permanent wiring.
- ☐ Gas and/or wood fireplaces have screens and are inspected and cleaned annually.
- ☐ Gas appliances are inspected annually.

- ☐ Electronics have airspace to prevent overheating.
- ☐ Portable heaters and lamps are away from doorways and material that can catch on fire or burn easily (curtains, rags, towels, clothes).
- ☐ All items that may block hallways are removed.
- ☐ Candles are put out when you leave all rooms. Never leave candles unattended.
- ☐ Important papers (documents, identification, passports) are in a fire resistant document bag.
- ☐ Matches and lighters are always out of the reach of children.

Basement

- ☐ All items that may block your electrical panel, furnace and hot water tank are removed and free of materials that can catch on fire (rags, towels).
- ☐ Paint, cleaning or laundry products, or other material that can catch on fire are not stored in your furnace room.
- ☐ Lint from the dryer vent is removed after each use.

DID YOU KNOW?

Cooking fires are one of the most common residential fires, occurring an average 1.4 times every day in Calgary. Make sure that cooking areas are free of anything that could catch on fire and that adults are present in the kitchen when food is cooking.

Bedrooms

- ☐ Bedroom doors are closed at night. In the event of smoke from a fire, this can save your life!
- ☐ All windows (including security bars on windows) can open quickly and easily from the inside.
- ☐ Second or third storey windows have a fire escape ladder in every room. Fire escape ladders can be purchased at your local home improvement store.
- ☐ No one smokes cigarettes in bed.

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.
- ☐ There is a fire extinguisher in the garage.
- ☐ Your garage is kept clear of sawdust/wood shavings and other material that can catch on fire.
- ☐ No car is ever left idling in the garage.

DID YOU KNOW?

Working smoke alarms save lives by warning you and your family if there is smoke or fire in your home. If your smoke alarm sounds and you see or smell smoke or fire, you and your family need to get out of the home as quickly as possible and then call 9-1-1.