



Calgary Fire Department

# STUDENT FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

## STUDENTS' ASSIGNMENT

Homework that saves lives...failing this class could be fatal...

DETECTORS	PASS	FAIL
Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are on every level of the home		
Alarms are tested once per month ( <i>by pushing the button or accidentally burning toast</i> )		
Batteries are replaced yearly ( <i>ask the landlord when it was last done</i> )		
Alarms can be heard from all areas in the house ( <i>especially sleeping areas such as the bed, couch, floor</i> )		
Smoke alarms older than 10 years are replaced with NEW ones		
ESCAPE PLANNING (NOT JUST FOR BAD DATES AND LAME PARTIES)		
You and your roomies know different ways to get out and where to meet outside		
Everyone knows what to do if a fire starts ( <i>panic is NOT an option</i> )		
Everyone knows two exits from each sleeping area ( <i>bathtubs do not qualify</i> )		
Overnight guests are aware of the escape plan and the meeting place		
Everyone knows to call 911 in an emergency ( <i>BEFORE posting on Facebook and YouTube</i> )		
Everyone knows to get out and stay out ( <i>no matter how close to finishing that paper you are</i> )		
KITCHEN		
Cooking is NEVER left unattended ( <i>even KD needs care and attention</i> )		
Appliances are checked for frayed or cracked cords		
Curtains and towels ( <i>and term papers/empty pizza boxes</i> ) are kept clear of heat sources		
There is an ABC extinguisher near the kitchen and easily accessible		
LIVING AREAS		
Cracked and worn electrical cords are replaced		
Electrical outlets are never overloaded		
Wires and electrical cords do not run under carpets/rugs		
Extension cords are not used as permanent wiring		
Gas/wood fireplaces have metal screens ( <i>not flat or plasma</i> )		
Gas appliances are inspected annually		

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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 ( <i>bikes, skateboards and bottle collections</i> )		
Candles are extinguished when you leave the room or use LED candles		
BEDROOMS		
Windows and security bars must be opened easily without locks or keys from the inside		
Lamps are clear of combustibles like curtains/clothing/funky mood enhancing scarves		
Bedroom doors are closed at night ( <i>this can save your life by keeping out toxic smoke</i> )		
Candles are extinguished before "falling asleep"		
Second and third level bedrooms have escape ladders ( <i>for emergencies only, really!</i> )		
A phone is near your bed ( <i>cell phone or landline</i> )		
Nobody, and we mean nobody, smokes in bed		
BASEMENT		
Furnace and hot water tank are clear of obstructions and combustibles		
No flammables are stored in the furnace room		
Electrical panel is clear of obstructions		
Your lint trap in the dryer is cleaned after every use		
OUTSIDE		
Cigarettes are NEVER extinguished in planters, on grass, in peat moss or mulch ( <i>almost empty "beverage" cans work well</i> )		
Fire pits/campfires are never left unattended		

## Insurance

Unless it will cost you less than \$150 to replace all of your clothes, shoes, books, furniture, electronics, music and jewellery, get tenant insurance for your belongings...your landlord's insurance will not cover any of your stuff!

### Concerned about your off-campus residence?

Speak to your landlord about making your home fire safe. If you receive no response, contact 311 to make a report. It's your right to live in a suite that meets Fire Code regulations!

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