



# SHORT TERM ACCOMMODATION FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

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- The Fire Protection and Prevention Act establishes the legislative framework for the delivery of fire protection services in Ontario. It includes the role and powers of municipalities and Ontario's Fire Marshal.
- The Fire Code consists of a set of minimum mandatory fire safety requirements that apply within and around existing buildings and premises.
- Failure to comply with the Fire Protection and Prevention Act or the Ontario Fire Code is an offence. Upon conviction, persons may be subject to fines and/or imprisonment.

The Ontario Fire Code is applied according to how the building is being used, therefore the requirements may differ from one building to the next, i.e. single detached dwelling vs. duplex vs. triplex etc.

Smoke alarms shall be installed on each storey of the dwelling, outside all sleeping areas, between the sleeping area and the remainder of the home, and must be maintained in operating condition in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

If the dwelling has a fuel burning appliance, fireplace and/or is connected to a garage, the dwelling must have carbon monoxide alarms installed adjacent to each sleeping area. CO alarms shall be maintained in operating condition in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Combustible materials should not be allowed to accumulate in and around exits or fuel fired appliances such as furnaces, hot water tanks, dryers and fireplaces. Dryer lint traps should be cleaned regularly.

Temporary electrical wiring (extension cords/power bars) are not to be used to power appliances that draw heavy electrical loads such as heaters, air conditioners or to power appliances that run continuously such as refrigerators.

Fire extinguishers can buy precious time when fire occurs and should be placed near exits so that once occupants are safely at the exit they can deploy the extinguisher if able.

Emergency lights assist occupants in finding their way safely to exits in the event of an emergency. Emergency escape plans are vital, they clearly identify exits, extinguisher locations and a safe meeting place outside the building for occupants to gather so that arriving fire crews can confirm that everyone is out of the building. The escape plan should be posted for all occupants to see.

A guest registry aids fire crews in accounting for missing individuals and provides important contact information if necessary.