



OPEN-AIR BURNING

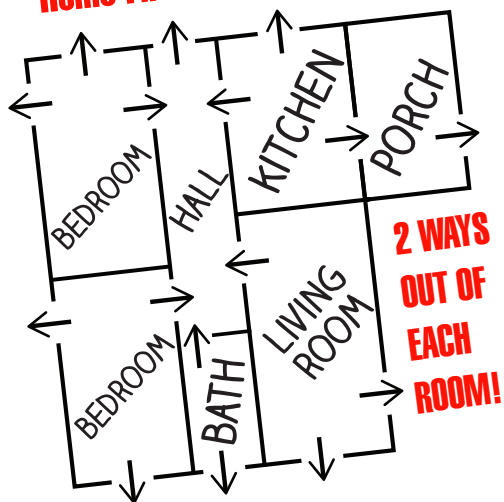
Open-air burning is permitted only in designated rural areas of the City and only with the issuance of an open-air burning permit (By-law 02-283).

PLAN YOUR ESCAPE

Do you know what to do if there's a fire in your home? Now is the time to sit down with your family and prepare a family fire-escape plan.

- Include all family members in the development of your escape plan.
- Find two ways out of every room in your home.
- Feel all doors before opening if the door feels normal, open it with caution.
- Crawl low if you encounter smoke or heat conditions.
- Have a specified meeting place outside of your home for all family members.
- Call 911 from a neighbour's house or other safe area.
- Do not go back into your home for any reason – **once you are out, stay out.**

Home Fire-Escape Plan



HELP US FIND YOU!

Make sure that your house number or rural property identification sign is clearly visible from the street so we can quickly identify your home.



REMEMBER ... IN AN EMERGENCY, SECONDS COUNT!



REMEMBER... ALCOHOL OR DRUGS CAN IMPAIR YOUR ABILITY TO REACT TO A FIRE EMERGENCY



CONTACT US

If you have any concerns or questions regarding fire safety in your home, contact:

Hamilton Fire Department Fire Prevention Division

Phone: 905-546-2424 ext. 1380
(weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

Email: fire_department@hamilton.ca

Website: www.hamilton.ca/Fire

**For any emergency
in Hamilton call**



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Home Fire Safety



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For any emergency call



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SMOKE ALARMS

The Ontario Fire Code requires that a working smoke alarm be installed on every floor of a home whether owner-occupied or rented.

- ✓ Never remove batteries from smoke alarms. If “nuisance alarms” are a problem, try moving the alarm to another location or purchase an alarm with a “pause” feature that temporarily silences the alarm.
- ✓ Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.
- ✓ Test smoke alarms once a month and replace the batteries every year.
- ✓ Ensure that all members of your household know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds. Develop a home fire-escape plan and practice it.
- ✓ Smoke alarms must be installed outside of sleeping rooms, and if the rooms are far apart additional alarms must be installed.
- ✓ If anyone in the household sleeps with the bedroom door closed, consider installing a smoke alarm inside the bedroom.



CARBON MONOXIDE

Protect Yourself from the Silent Killer

It is now the law in Ontario that carbon monoxide alarms be installed in every home outside sleeping areas.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colourless, odourless, and tasteless poisonous gas – and its effects can be deadly.



CO is a poisonous gas that is colourless, odourless and tasteless. A CO alarm in your home is now the law.

Since the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning can often be confused with the flu or other medical problems, a CO alarm can save your life.

- ✓ Never leave a car running in an attached garage.
- ✓ Make sure that all external vents or chimneys are not blocked by insulation, leaves or bird nests.
- ✓ Fuel-burning appliances, venting systems and chimneys should be serviced and maintained by qualified contractors.

SMOKING

Careless use and disposal of smokers' materials is a major cause of residential fires, injuries and deaths.

- ✓ Make your home smoke free.
- ✓ Never smoke when you are in bed.
- ✓ Use deep, ashtrays and empty ashes into fireproof containers (like a coffee tin) and allow to cool for at least 24 hours prior to throwing them out.
- ✓ Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children.

REDUCE THE RISK ENTIRELY!

- ✓ You can receive up to 26 weeks of **FREE** nicotine replacement therapy (eg: nicotine patch or gum) along with support to increase your chances of quitting up to 3 times. For more information, call Canadian Cancer Society's Smokers Helpline at 1 877 513-5333 or the City's Tobacco Hotline at 905 540-5566.

CANDLES

- ✓ Never leave a candle unattended for any reason
- ✓ Never carry a lit candle.
- ✓ Always place the candle on a solid, level surface, away from windows and all combustible materials including drapes and curtains.
- ✓ Candle can be easily knocked over – keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- ✓ Always use the proper holder for the candle.



COOKING

Cooking fires are one of the leading causes of house fires in the City of Hamilton.

- ✓ Never leave cooking unattended. If you must leave the kitchen, turn off the appliance.
- ✓ Never attempt to carry a burning pot or pan.
- ✓ Never use water on a grease fire.
- ✓ Consider purchasing a ULC-listed multipurpose (ABC-rated) portable fire extinguisher, and learn how to use it.
- ✓ Always keep a large lid near the stove when you are cooking, and if the pot catches fire, slide the lid over the pot and turn off the stove.
- ✓ Always wear short or tight fitting sleeves while cooking.



The result of using water on a kitchen grease fire.

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