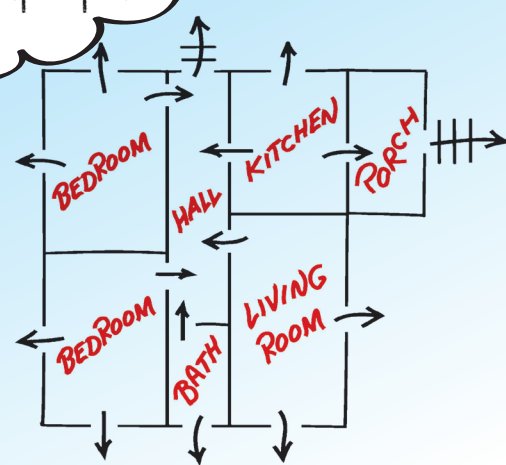




Home Fire Escape Plan

Draw your home escape plan



Make sure everyone is prepared

The floor plan diagram shows a house layout with rooms labeled: BEDROOM (top left), BEDROOM (bottom left), HALL (center), BATH (bottom center), KITCHEN (top right), LIVING ROOM (bottom right), and PORCH (far right). Arrows indicate escape routes from each room: from the top bedroom to the left and up; from the bottom bedroom to the left and down; from the hall to the top, bottom, and right; from the kitchen to the top and right; from the living room to the right; and from the porch to the right. A double line with a slash indicates a door leading outside.



Never re-enter your home once you have evacuated!

An illustration shows a family of four (a man, a woman, a young girl, and a young boy) running away from a house with smoke rising from the roof. They are gathered under a large tree in the foreground. A large, jagged starburst contains the warning text.

Family Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Created: (date) _____

Call 9-1-1 in an Emergency

Emergency Contact List

Mom @ work:

Dad @ work:

Family Members:

Neighbour:

Police:

Fire Department:

Gas Company:

Electric Company:

Water Company:

Hospital:

Poison Control:

Doctor:

Dentist:



Mission Statement

To provide the highest level of life safety and property protection to those who live, work or play in our community.

We will perform in a sensitive and caring manner, through the provision of excellent preventative, educational and emergency services.

Planning Ahead

Did you know that the majority of fires we encounter in Markham occur in the home? Fire in the home usually starts small but can grow very fast. It is important to plan ahead to make sure no time is wasted. Below are seven questions to help plan in advance for your family to escape a fire in the home. Plan ahead so that everyone gets out alive and without injury!

1. Are smoke alarms installed and maintained?

It is the home owner's responsibility to install and maintain smoke alarms by law. Smoke alarms warn you of a fire in your home and give you time to escape. Smoke alarms are to be installed on every floor of the home and outside sleeping areas. Test smoke alarms monthly and replace batteries at least once a year. Replace the smoke alarm when recommended by the manufacturer's instructions.

2. Does everyone have at least two ways out?

Ideally, everyone in your family should have at least two ways to get out of your home. The front door will typically be your main exit. However, if that door is blocked by smoke or fire, you should identify an alternate escape route. If a second exit is not available, your alternate exit could be a window or balcony where you can signal for help. In this case, make sure there is phone nearby to call 9-1-1. You can also open the window and yell as loud as you can for help.

3. Does anyone need help to escape?

Determine who will assist young children, older adults, people with disabilities, and pets. Also take into consideration when someone in the home is injured and may need assistance. It is important to get out quickly. Never re-enter the home to look for pets.

4. Does anyone take medication?

Always leave any important items, including medication, next to your bed or within reach so you can take them in a fire emergency.

5. Have you chosen a meeting place?

Choose a meeting place a safe distance from your home that everyone will remember. Ideally, your meeting place should be someplace with a phone that offers shelter. In a fire emergency, everyone will go directly to the meeting place so they can be accounted for. This ensures that you know your entire family got out of your home safely and allows you to inform the fire department of this when they arrive.

6. Do you have a way to call 9-1-1?

Don't waste time calling 9-1-1 from inside your home during a fire emergency unless it is not safe to leave. Your first priority is getting everyone out safely. Leave a cell phone next to your bed to take with you to call 9-1-1. You can also go to a neighbour's home to use their phone to call 9-1-1 from outside your home.

7. Are bedroom doors closed at night?

Closing bedroom doors prevents the spread of smoke into the bedrooms. This allows your family to wake up in smoke-free bedrooms when the smoke alarm goes off. Be sure to test your smoke alarm to make sure your family can hear it with their bedroom doors closed.

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Home Escape Plan

Protect your family by completing this Home Fire Escape Plan. Be sure to apply your answers to the questions above. Leave this plan on your fridge so you are constantly reminded to make good fire-safe decisions around your home. This will also help to ensure each family member is prepared in the event of a fire emergency.

Draw a floor plan of your home

Use the grids on the following pages to draw a floor plan of each level of your home. Include all possible exits. Draw all doors, stairways and windows that can be opened easily. Include any features such as the roof of a garage or porch that may help you escape if your main exit route is not available. If you live in an apartment or condominium, include the hallway leading to the exits. How the location of phones in the event that 9-1-1 must be called from within your home. Be sure to identify your meeting place outside of the building.

Include all possible emergency exits

Practice

Now that you are done creating your home escape plan, practice it with your family on a regular basis and follow these tips:

Alert everyone in the home that there is a fire!

Checking doors for fire

Do not touch door handles right away; they are typically made of metal and can get hot very quickly. Using the back of your hand, start at the bottom of the door and run your hand upwards. If the door is hot, use another exit, if available, or go to a window and yell for help. If the door is cold, open it slowly and check for smoke. If there is heavy smoke outside the room, go back inside and close the door behind you. If there is light or no smoke, use your primary exit.

Crawl low under smoke

If you ever get caught in an area with a lot of smoke, drop to your knees right away and crawl to safety. Since smoke rises, the air is cleaner near the floor.

Calling 9-1-1

If any member of your family calls 9-1-1, they will be asked four questions:

1. What is your emergency?
2. What is your name?
3. What is your address?
4. What is your phone number?

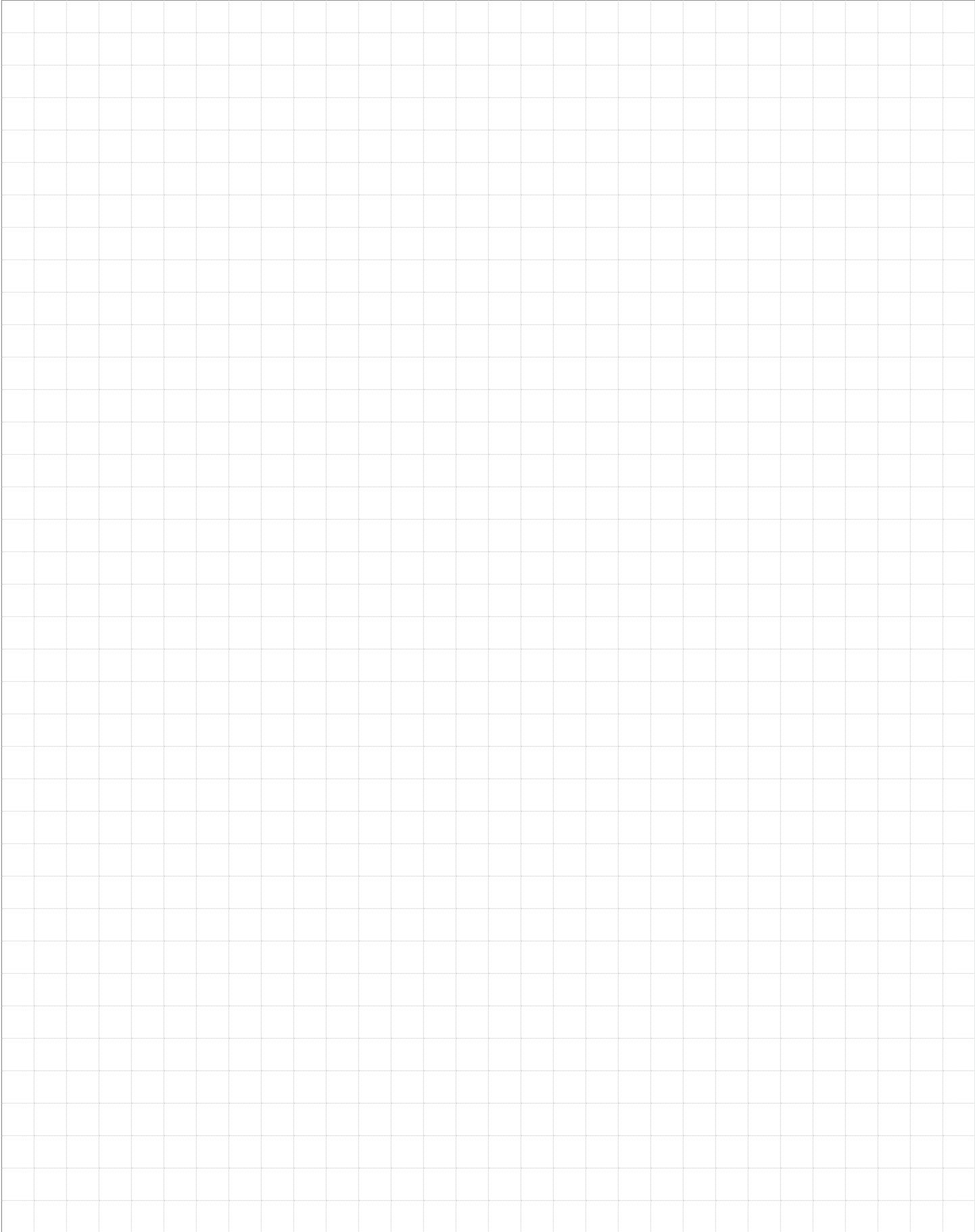
Apartments and Condominiums

If there is a fire in your apartment or condominium, close all doors between you and the fire. Never use the elevator as part of your home escape plan. Take the exit stairs or stay in your home and call 9-1-1.

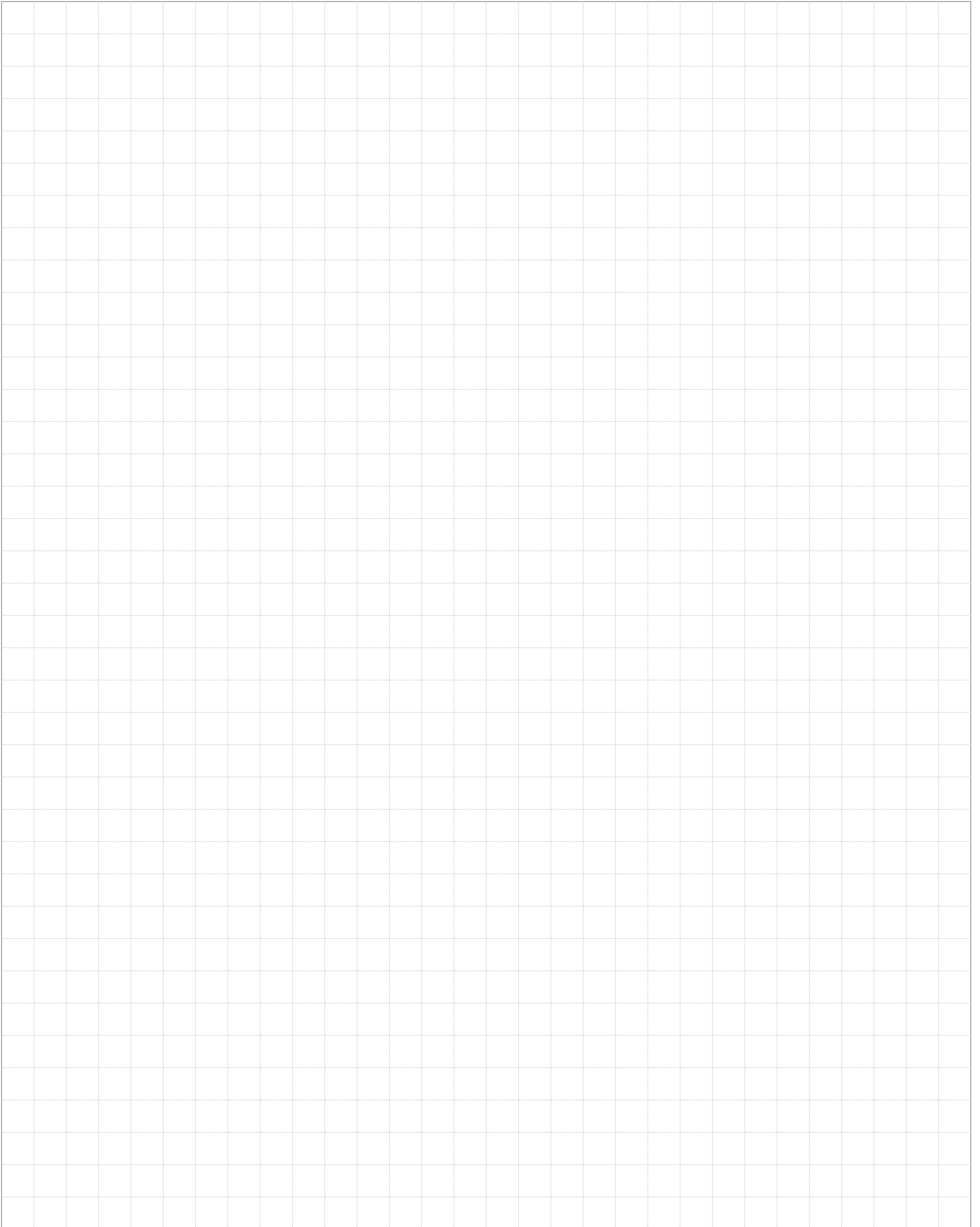
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A large grid of graph paper, consisting of 20 columns and 30 rows of small squares, intended for drawing or writing.

Second Floor



Basement



911 = EMERGENCY in any language

911 = EN CAS D'URGENCE

parlez dans votre langue

911 = 紧急求助电话

说您的语言

911 = ਐਮਰਜੈਂਸੀ

ਆਪਣੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਬੋਲੋ

911 = 紧急求助電話

說您的語言

911 = EMERGENCIA

hable en su idioma

911 = KHẨN CẤP

nói được ngôn ngữ của quý vị

911 = அவசர சேவை

உங்கள் மொழியில் உரையாடவும்

911 = اورژانس و اضطراری

می توانید بزبان فارسی صحبت کنید

911 = 구급 구조

한국말로 신고하세요

911 = ایمرجینسی یعنی ناگہانی صورت حال

یہ آپ کی اپنی زبان میں بات کرتے ہیں۔

Fire safety information available from Markham Fire & Emergency Services

Are you fire safe?

Product	Placement	Why
Smoke alarm	Only on every level of the home	Required
Carbon monoxide alarm	Adjacent to all sleeping areas	Required
Fire extinguisher	Outside kitchen area and in the garage	Recommended

Carbon Monoxide

Provincial legislation requires that carbon monoxide alarms now be installed in all homes across Ontario.

- Adjacent to all sleeping areas in residential homes.
- In the service rooms and outside all sleeping areas adjacent to service rooms in multi-residential units.

These carbon monoxide alarms can be hardwired, battery-operated or plugged into the wall.

Cooking Fire Safety

Careless cooking is one of the leading causes of fire-related injuries. In the City of Markham, more fires start in the kitchen than any other room in the home and they most often begin with a cooking appliance like the stove or microwave.

Safe Cooking Habits

- Never leave cooking unattended, watch what you're cooking at all times.
- Keep things that can catch fire easily, such as curtains, dish clothes and paper towels, away from the stove and other appliances.
- Remove items from the stove top when you are not using them - it is easy to accidentally turn on the wrong burner or forget to turn a burner off.
- To help avoid getting a burn while working in the kitchen, keep pot handles turned toward the back of the stove so you don't accidentally knock over the pot.

Smoke Alarms

It is the law for all Ontario homes to have working smoke alarms on every storey and adjacent to each sleeping area. Most fatal fires happen at night when people are sleeping. A working smoke alarm will detect smoke and sound to alert you. Smoke alarms are either electrically connected, battery operated, or both.

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