



National Indigenous
Fire Safety Council Project

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Home Safety Assessment Program

Important Facts

- Fire Prevention saves lives
- Fire Departments save property
- An educated home is a safer home



The "Smoke Alarm Gap"

- The biggest risk right now isn't just not *having* an alarm, but having one that doesn't work.
- **Missing Alarms:** About **12% to 14%** of fatal fires involve homes where no alarm was installed at all.
- **Non-Functional Alarms:** In many cases, alarms were present but failed because the **batteries were dead or removed**, or the unit was over 10 years old and had expired.

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Key Risk Factors & Stats

Factor	Statistical Impact / Fact
Escape Time	In the 1970s, you had 14–17 minutes to escape. Today, due to synthetic materials, you have only 2–3 minutes .
Leading Cause	Smoking materials (cigarettes, etc.) are the leading cause of fire deaths, often because they start fires while people are sleeping.
Seniors	Adults aged 70+ are at the highest risk, accounting for roughly one-third of all residential fire deaths.
Cooking	Cooking is the #1 cause of fire <i>incidents</i> (32%), but it is less likely to be fatal than smoking-related fires.



What kills most people from Fire?

- Most people do not die from Fire
- Most think they will wake up due to smoke
- Time to exit a house has dropped
- Even the best departments may arrive too late



Current Canadian Death Rates (2021–2025)

- While fire safety has improved since the 1970s, recent years have shown a worrying trend in residential fatalities.
- Annual Fatalities: Canada averages about 220 fire-related deaths per year.
- The "74% Rule": Between 2015 and 2021, nearly three-quarters (74%) of all residential fire deaths occurred in homes without a working smoke alarm.
- Residential Danger: Approximately 77% of all fire deaths in Canada happen in people's homes, rather than businesses or outdoor areas.



Home Safety Assessment Guidelines



Home Safety Assessment Tool



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