

We care about your safety!

Surrey Fire Services started HomeSafe in 2008 to reduce residential fires. Since then, HomeSafe has significantly reduced fires and fire losses, and has won a prestigious international award.



Is your home safe?

How HomeSafe works

We target areas in Surrey with the highest fire rates and help make them safer by:

- Providing or installing free smoke alarms
- Providing fire safety information
- Conducting free visits to identify potential fire risks

What happens at a HomeSafe visit

- A firefighter or HomeSafe volunteer will identify fire risks such as lack of working smoke alarms, inappropriate use of extension cords, heating appliances or candles located too close to combustibles, and obvious cooking and smoking hazards.
- Existing smoke alarms will be checked, and a free battery-powered smoke alarm may be installed if required.
- Residents will receive educational materials and a checklist with recommendations. These are only suggestions and will not be enforced or result in any liability.

Homes today burn much quicker than they used to. If your home catches fire, you only have a matter of minutes to safely escape.



Every second counts. A working smoke alarm could make all the difference.

HomeSafe is a Surrey Fire Services program that installs free smoke alarms and helps reduce household fire hazards in neighbourhoods with high fire rates. The program is delivered through firefighters and volunteers.



You only have
A MATTER OF MINUTES
to get out alive



WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

Get a free alarm – details inside

Request a free smoke alarm (installation optional) and/or a confidential HomeSafe visit today:

Info & online form:
surrey.ca/homesafe

Phone:
604-543-6780

HomeSafe visits are confidential and free. See back panel to book yours today.



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A working smoke alarm could save your life

It's a fact – smoke alarms save lives, but *only* if they work.

Here's how to make sure your alarm will work when you need it to.

- Smoke alarms don't last forever. Change them every 10 years, whether hard-wired or battery type.
- Smoke alarms should be tested monthly. Use a broom handle or stick to push the test button. It should sound and go into alarm mode if it is working properly.
- Batteries should be replaced at least once per year.
- If you see your alarm is getting dusty, vacuum or dust it.
- Make sure you have a smoke alarm outside all sleeping areas. It's the law. *If your rental home doesn't have working alarms, show your landlord this brochure or ask him/her to call 604-543-6780 for information.*

A working smoke alarm reduces the death rate from fire by 74%

The biggest risk: cooking

More than half of all residential fires are caused by cooking – mostly from leaving food unattended and from grease fires.

Make sure everyone who cooks in your home follows these tips to reduce your risk.

- Stay in the kitchen when cooking with open pans and pots.
- Turn the stove off if you have to leave the room for more than a few minutes.
- Check food regularly and use a timer to remind you when your food is cooked.
- Keep cooking areas clean and grease-free.
- Keep combustible items – towels, paper, packaging, etc. – away from heat sources.
- Never pour water on a grease fire. Use a lid to smother it.



Are you at higher risk?

According to research, greater risk of injury or fatality due to fire occurs in households when:

- At least one occupant is under the age of 6 years or over the age of 64 years;
- Smoking materials are present; and
- Located in low socio-economic or rural areas

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Single-family homes are the most common building in Surrey to become involved in fires. More than two-thirds of all structure fires in Surrey occur in people's homes.