



Pender Island Fire Rescue

Home Fire Safety Assessment

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*As your neighbour here on Pender, we'd like to help you ensure that your residence is as Fire-Safe as possible. This checklist provides a guideline for you to use in assessing your home.**

Requirement	Yes	No
Visibility and Access		
House numbers clearly visible from roadway, both day and night		
Driveway access is adequate for emergency vehicles (3.6 metres wide, overhead clearance of 5 metres)		
Building address and emergency numbers posted near telephone		
Alarms		
Smoke alarms installed on every level		
Alarms tested monthly, batteries replaced yearly (Not sure? Test it now!) No alarms more than 10 years old		
At least one carbon monoxide alarm installed (on highest level) Alarm is current and tested monthly		
Alarms can be heard in all areas of house		
Escape Planning		
Everyone knows what to do if a fire starts - practice "EDITH" Exit Drills In The Home		
Everyone knows at least two ways to get outside, and where to meet		
Everyone knows two exits from their sleeping area		
Everyone knows to call 911 in an emergency, from a safe location		
Everyone knows to stay out, once they get out		
Kitchen		
Cooking, is NEVER left unattended – including stoves, ovens, toasters, kettles, and barbecues		
Appliance cords are in good conditions, with no frays, cracks or splices		
Curtains, towels and other flammables are kept clear of stove, toaster, kettle or any heat source		
An ABC Fire Extinguisher mounted near kitchen exit – easily accessible, with current inspection (yearly)		
Living Areas		
All electrical cords are in good condition – no cracks, frays or splices		
Electrical outlets are not overloaded		
No wires or extension cords run under carpets or rugs		
Baseboard heaters are kept clear of any flammable materials –(furniture, towels, curtains, toys, etc.)		
Fireplaces and stoves have metal screens or fully closing doors		
An ABC Fire Extinguisher mounted near exit – easily accessible, with current yearly inspection		
Wood stove or fireplace chimneys are cleaned annually		
Extreme caution is used when woodstoves or fireplaces are lit during restricted burning periods – Ensure that roof area around chimney is clean and that no sparks or embers are emitted		
All electronic devices, including computers, have airspaces to prevent overheating		
Portable heaters are away from doorways, combustibles and exit routes		
Hallways are clear of any obstructions (toys, furniture, suitcases, sporting gear, etc.)		
Candles are extinguished when you leave the room, or LED candles are used		
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Requirement	Yes	No
Bedrooms		
Windows and security screens can be easily opened from inside, without keys or tools, for emergency exit <i>(Are the windows large enough for you to get through easily?)</i>		
Upper level escape windows have emergency ladders or safe access to ground		
Lamps are clear of any flammable materials, like curtains, sheets, towels, clothing, books, etc.		
All electrical cords are in good condition – no cracks, frays or splices		
Bedroom doors are closed at night to protect against toxic smoke, and to provide fire barrier		
Candles are extinguished when you leave the room, or LED candles are used		
Second and third level bedrooms have escape ladders		
A phone is near your bed		
Nobody, absolutely nobody, smokes in bed		
Basement/ Crawlspace/Utility Area		
Furnace and hot water tank are clear of any flammable materials		
No flammable material is stored in furnace/water heater/utility room		
Electrical panel is clear of obstructions		
Lint trap in dryer is cleaned after every use, and vent ducting cleaned regularly		
Outside / General		
Smoking areas identified by signs and adequate ashtrays provided		
Cigarettes or other smoking materials are never extinguished in planters, on grass, in peat moss or mulch		
Burning regulations for outdoor fires are understood and followed – Watch for FIRE BANS!		
Propane, gasoline and other flammable liquids on property are correctly stored, closed when not in use		
Firewood storage is clear of residential buildings		

All “yes” answers? Well done; Call us to volunteer!
Any “no” answers? Consider making some changes - let us know if we can help!

Pender Island Fire Rescue provides emergency response services to all residents and visitors on North and South Pender Island, 24 hours per day, every day of the year. This includes:

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| Fire suppression | Hazardous material management |
| Medical first response | Technical rope rescue |
| Motor vehicle extrication | Search and rescue |

Over one hundred volunteers from our community, including 44 on-call responders, work together to provide these services. All responders are trained to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards, with more than 6000 hours volunteered annually to develop and practise the skills to keep you safe.

When you call 911, volunteers respond to the nearest firehall, load into the appropriate rescue apparatus, and rush to your location. You can rest assured that *“When you call – someone will show up who knows what to do.”*

For more information, check our website www.penderfire.org or give us a call at 250-629-3321.

*This checklist is provided as a guide only. For complete details on conformance to safety requirements, please refer to the British Columbia Fire Code, or contact Pender Island Fire Rescue at 250-629-3321.

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