



Pender Island Fire Rescue

Visitor Fire Safety Assessment

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Welcome to the Pender Islands! We hope that you have a great visit, and enjoy all that our islands have to offer. To improve your safety during your stay, we'd suggest that you take a few moments to check the Fire Safety of your accommodations.*

Requirement	Yes	No
Visibility and Access		
House numbers clearly visible from roadway, both day and night		
Building address and emergency numbers posted near telephone		
Alarms		
Smoke alarms installed on every level, at least one carbon monoxide alarm, all audible throughout home		
Alarms tested monthly, batteries replaced yearly (Not sure? Test it now!)		
Escape Planning		
Everyone knows what to do if a fire starts: Two ways to exit, where to meet; call 911 from safe location; once you're out – stay out!		
Everyone knows the street address and location		
Kitchen		
Cooking is NEVER left unattended– including stoves, ovens, toasters, kettles, and barbecues		
Appliance cords are in good conditions, with no frays or cracks		
Curtains, towels and other flammables are kept clear of stove, toaster, kettle or any heat source		
There is an ABC Fire Extinguisher, near kitchen exit – easily accessible and with current inspection		
Living Areas and Bedrooms		
All electrical cords are in good condition – no cracks, frays or splices;		
Electrical outlets are not overloaded, and electrical panel is unobstructed		
No wires or extension cords run under carpets or rugs		
Fireplaces and stoves have metal screens or fully closing doors		
There is an ABC Fire Extinguisher near woodstove/fireplace, near exit, with current inspection		
Wood stove or fireplace chimneys are cleaned annually (check with landlord)		
All electronic devices, including computers and laptops, have airspaces to prevent overheating		
Portable heaters are away from doorways, combustibles and exit routes		
Hallways are clear of obstructions (toys, furniture, suitcases, sporting gear, etc.)		
Windows and security screens can be easily opened from inside, without keys or tools, for emergency exit (Are the windows large enough for you to get through easily?)		
Upper level bedrooms have emergency ladders, or safe access to the ground		
Baseboard heaters and lamps clear of flammable materials; curtains, sheets, towels, clothing, books, etc.		
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		
A phone is near your bed		
Nobody, absolutely nobody, smokes in bed		
Lint trap in dryer is cleaned after every use, and vent ducting cleaned regularly		
Cigarettes or other smoking materials are always extinguished in proper receptacles		

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Did you know?

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

- Fire suppression
- Medical first response
- Motor vehicle extrication
- General and Rope rescue
- Hazardous material management
- 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 standards, with more than 6000 hours volunteered annually for training and practice.

PIFR online!

You can learn more about Pender Island Fire Rescue from our website at www.penderfire.org. You will find information on burning regulations, safety notices, our Fire/Rescue camp, photographs, fire prevention and education, a message from the Fire Chief, useful links, FAQs, and more.

You can also apply for and receive your Fire Permits through the website.

Fire/Rescue Youth Camp

The Gulf Islands Fire / Rescue Youth Camp is a “firefighter boot-camp” for male and female Gulf Islands’ youth, aged 15 to 18. The Camp focuses on basic firefighting skills, search and rescue techniques and first response medical procedures.

The goals of the Camp are:

- to introduce young people to careers as firefighters,
- to create an opportunity for them to observe the dedication of our fire/rescue team, and
- to introduce them to the concept and importance of community service

For more information, contact Pender Island Fire Rescue, or see www.penderfire.org

Volunteers Serving Community

Pender Island Fire Rescue has developed and successfully implemented a unique community involvement program. Fire Fighting in Canada magazine (September 2009) said:

“These solutions are a testament to the creative thinking, ingenuity and determination that fire departments need to meet the demands of ever-increasing safety standards, public expectations and recruitment/retention challenges”.

While fire services in other areas are challenged by lack of traditional volunteers, Pender Fire has engaged our community on a much broader level, increasing the availability and quality of services, by leveraging the abundant skills and experiences of all ages and abilities.

Interested in volunteering? Call us!

***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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