

FIRE

in your

HIGH-RISE



HIGH-RISE APARTMENT AND CONDOMINIUM FIRE SAFETY

People living in a high rise apartment or condominium building need to think ahead and be prepared in the event of a fire emergency.

HIGH BUILDINGS ARE DESIGNED TO BE SAFE

- Floors, walls, and ceilings provide a barrier against the spread of fire, and suite doors **must** close automatically to protect openings
- Every floor has access to at least 2 separate exit stairways which provide a protected path to the exterior
- A fire alarm system provides early warning to occupants of a fire condition
- Modern buildings often have:
 - 1) A voice communication system, used by supervisory personnel to make announcements about fire location and conditions
 - 2) Sprinkler systems to put water directly on the source of the fire
 - 3) Balconies (or windows) to be used for fresh air if smoke enters your suite

FIRE SAFETY BEGINS WITH YOU

Learn what to do if a fire happens in your building. This is the best way to protect yourself and those around you.

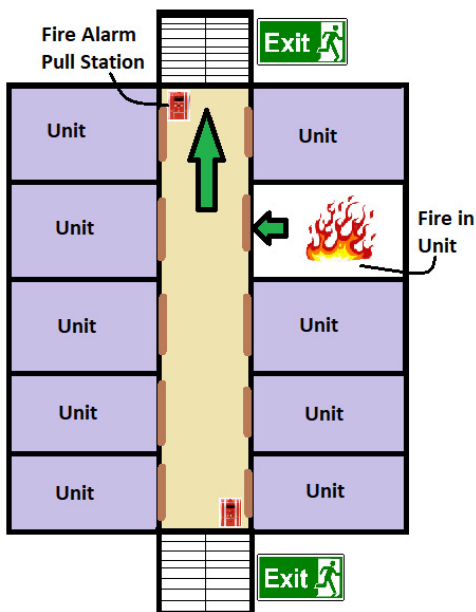
- Talk to your landlord, superintendent or building manager
- Know the emergency procedures outlined in the building's fire safety plan
- Create a home escape plan and practice it with everyone in your home
- Every fire is different. You must act quickly when you hear the alarm or discover a fire
- Remember, most people die from the smoke, not the fire. Here is what to do:



IF THE FIRE IS IN YOUR SUITE

If there is a fire in your suite, it is not safe to stay inside! Stay away from poisonous smoke!

- **Everyone evacuate immediately**
- Close, but don't lock, all doors behind you
- Pull the red fire alarm pull station next to the stairwell on your floor and yell "fire"
- Leave the building using the nearest exit stairway
- Do not use the elevator
- Never go to the roof, smoke rises! Doors to the roof are locked and you could become trapped
- Call the fire department at **9-1-1** from a safe location. (Never assume this has been done)
- Meet the firefighters when they arrive and tell them where the fire is
- Once out, stay out
- Do not go back into the building until the fire department tells you it's safe



WHEN YOU HEAR THE FIRE ALARM

Stay in your suite until you are rescued or until you are told to leave.

1. If the fire is not in your suite, you are safe to remain there. Your suite walls, floors, and ceilings are composed of non-combustible construction and will protect you from smoke and fire.
2. Keep smoke from entering your suite. Use duct tape to seal cracks around the door and place wet towels at the bottom. Seal vents or air ducts the same way.



If smoke starts to enter your suite (and you are unable to evacuate):

1. Call the fire department at **9-1-1** and tell them where you are and then move to the balcony. Close the doors behind you.
2. If you don't have a balcony, go to the most smoke-free room, close the door and seal it with wide tape and towels. If necessary, open the window for fresh air. Show emergency personnel where you are by hanging a sheet from the window or balcony.
3. Keep low to the floor where the air is cleaner.
4. Listen for instructions from authorities.



WHAT SHOULD I DO IF THERE IS A FIRE IN MY BUILDING?

**FIRE ALARM
ACTIVATION IN
YOUR HIGH-RISE
BUILDING**

**IS THERE A FIRE
IN YOUR SUITE?**

YES

**EVACUATE
TO THE
NEAREST
EXIT**

*See inner
pages for more
information*

NO

**STAY IN
YOUR
SUITE,
IF SAFE
TO DO SO**

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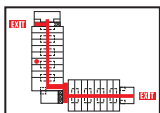
PREVENTION

Prevent fire from occurring in your home.



DETECTION

Have a **working smoke alarm** on all levels and outside all sleeping areas and have a **working carbon monoxide alarm** outside all sleeping areas (if required).



ESCAPE

Prepare and practice your home **fire escape plan**... know what to do and where to go if evacuation is necessary.

For more information about high-rise fire safety and information in multiple languages, ask your building management or contact Toronto Fire Services by calling 311 or visiting

www.toronto.ca/fire/prevention

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