



Medicine Hat
FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

STUDENTS' ASSIGNMENT

Homework that saves lives.
Failing could be fatal.

ALARM	PASS	FAIL
Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms on every level of the home.		
Alarms are tested once per month (by pushing the button).		
Batteries are replaced yearly.		
Alarms can be heard from all areas in the house.		
Smoke alarms older than 10 years are replaced with NEW ones (ask the landlord).		
ESCAPE PLANNING		
You and your roommates know at least 2 ways to get out and where to meet outside.		
Everyone knows what to do if a fire starts.		
Everyone knows two exits from each sleeping area.		
Overnight guests are aware of the escape plan and the meeting place.		
Everyone knows to call 9-1-1 in an emergency from a safe location.		
Everyone knows to get out and stay out.		
Fire rated doors in multi-story buildings are kept closed.		
KITCHEN		
Cooking is NEVER left unattended.		
Appliances are checked for frayed or cracked cords.		
Curtains and towels are kept clear of heat sources.		
There is an ABC extinguisher near the kitchen and easily accessible (read instructions BEFORE fire erupts).		
LIVING AREAS		
Cracked and worn electrical cords are replaced as needed.		
Electrical outlets are never overloaded.		
Wires or electrical cords do not run under carpet/rugs.		
Extension cords are not used as permanent wiring.		
Gas and/or wood fireplaces have metal screens.		
Gas appliances are inspected annually (ask the landlord).		
Wood fireplace chimneys are cleaned annually (ask the landlord).		
Electronics have airspace to prevent overheating.		
Hallways are clear of obstructions (bikes, skateboards, recyclables and garage).		
Candles are extinguished when you leave the room or LED battery-operated candles are used.		

BEDROOMS	PASS	FAIL
Windows and security bars must be opened easily without locks or keys from the inside so you can get out quickly (are the windows large enough for you to get through easily?)		
Lamps are clear of combustibles like curtains/scarves/clothing.		
Bedroom doors are closed at night (this can save your life by keeping out toxic smoke).		
Candles are extinguished before falling asleep or LED battery-operated candles are used.		
Second- and third-level bedrooms have escape ladders.		
A phone is near your bed.		
Nobody, and we mean nobody, smokes in bed.		
BASEMENT		
Furnace and hot water tank are clear of stuff that can burn.		
No flammables are stored in the furnace room (i.e. gas, oil paints, or sprays).		
Electrical panel is clear of obstructions.		
Your lint trap in the dryer is cleaned after every use.		
OUTSIDE		
Cigarettes are NEVER extinguished in planters, on grass, in peat moss or mulch (almost empty "beverage" cans work well).		
Pass mark 100%		

TENANT'S INSURANCE

Protect your clothes, shoes, books, furniture, electronics, music, jewelry and other property – **get tenant's insurance**. Your landlord's insurance does **not** cover your belongings.

CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR OFF-CAMPUS RESIDENCE?

Speak to your landlord about making your home fire safe. If you receive no response, call Medicine Hat Fire and Emergency Services at (403) 529-8282. **It's your right to live in residence that meets Fire Code regulations.**

