



OFF CAMPUS HOUSING FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

Before you sign the lease for off campus housing, make sure the house is safe.

ASK the owner questions and take a look around the home using the following checklist to ensure it is safe for you to live in:



- Ask if the house complies with the Ontario Fire Code
- There are working smoking alarms on every floor and outside sleeping areas
- There are working carbon monoxide alarms outside all sleeping areas
- There are at least two exits from each floor
- All windows and doors open easily



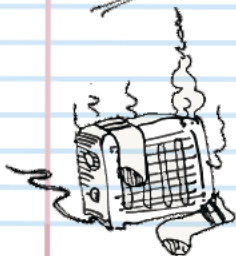
A FEW MINUTES spent ensuring that your home is fire safe and prepared for an emergency could save your life. If you have concerns, consider reaching out to the Oakville Fire Department by emailing fireprevention@oakville.ca or calling 905-338-4404 to complete an inspection of the home.

THE TOP FIVE REASONS YOUR HOME COULD CATCH FIRE



UNATTENDED COOKING

Stay in the kitchen when cooking and keep your stove clear of things that can catch fire.



HEATING EQUIPMENT

All heaters need space. Keep anything that can burn at least one metre away from the heater.



CARELESS SMOKING

If you smoke, smoke outside and only where permitted. Use sturdy, deep, non-tip ashtrays.



OVERLOADED OUTLETS

Don't overload outlets. Routinely check cords, outlets, switches, and appliances for signs of damage. Never run electrical cords across doorways or under rugs.



BURNING CANDLES

Always blow out candles before leaving the room and consider using battery-operated flameless candles.