

Communications

- Know Emergency Numbers;
Ambulance, Fire Call **911**
Poison control **1-800-332-1414**
ATCO gas **1-800-511-3447**
- Have **your** emergency contacts ready and obvious for first responders.



Equipment and Supplies

- Smoke alarms!!!
- Fire extinguisher!!!! One for the kitchen, one for the garage
- Carbon monoxide alarms
- 72hr kit (Candles, matches, camp stove, food, water)
- Keep extension cords in good order

Commercial & Residential Alarms

- Know your alarm provider and their procedures
- If your alarm goes off, and it's a false alarm stand the fire department down by calling 911, the fire dept is responding.
- False alarms may be subject to a fee as per Bylaw 02-2018



Smoke Alarms

- Maintain your alarms!!
- Place them between sleeping areas and risk area. Do not place above the toaster. Ceiling is best, at the stairs, away from windows/vents
- At least one on each floor



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Fire Safety in Your Home

EMERGENCY 9-1-1

Vegreville Emergency Services

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"Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things"

Cooking Fires

- Cooking equipment is the leading cause of home fires
- Use baking soda or put the lid on, NEVER use water, turn off the stove
- Kitchen fire extinguisher must be ABC type minimum.
- Always use a timer, even when stovetop cooking
- Turn handles in so you can't knock them off



Medical

- Have your medications and history listed and easily available for crews (maybe on your fridge)
- Keep access open for emergency crews
- Take a first aid course to prepare yourself .

At the Farm

- Show Address in large format
- Provide clear access to the yard
- Try to provide clear access to water supplies
- Keep flammables away from buildings (extra wood piles, bales, pallets of building materials)
- Keep weeds, shrubbery, plants down close to buildings
- PLAN for fire safety
- Keep equipment clean, no piles of chaff and grain
- Spill kits on hand (kitty litter, bucket and shovel)

Carbon monoxide

- Slightly lighter than air
- Usually a product of incomplete combustion (natural gas, propane)
- Usually found in hot air currents
- Cannot smell or taste it and it's colorless
- Install detectors according to manufacturers specifications, or near head height in common areas



It's time to add "Close your door" to your fire checklist

- You know that closing your doors in your home is also important for your safety?
- Closed doors can reduce fire growth, limit damage to your home, keep temperatures down, and can even save your life if you become trapped.
- **MAKE A 900 DEGREE DIFFERENCE** - A closed door can mean reducing 1,000 degrees down to 100 degrees.
- **TAKE A BREATHER** - A fire needs oxygen to burn. A closed door keeps more oxygen in the room and away from the fire. When you exit a fire, make sure to close your door behind you to slow down its growth.
- **DOZE SAFELY** - 50% of house fires happen between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. Closing your doors before you hit the hay **helps keep you safe.**

