



FIRE SAFETY TIPS FOR SHORT-TERM RENTALS

As a landlord, have you thought about how to keep your tenants safe?

1. Compliance with municipal and provincial regulations

- Hold a registration number with the Corporation de l'industrie touristique du Québec ;
- Development, occupancy and construction permits (if applicable) ;
- Comply with building requirements (e.g., installation of a means of escape) and fire safety requirements (e.g. inspection of portable extinguishers) ;
- Keep your building in good working order and safe at all times.

2. Smoke detectors

- Install one smoke detector per floor, including the basement;
- Check smoke alarms for proper operation at hourly intervals (twice a year);
- Change them according to the replacement date indicated on the casing by the manufacturer;
- Check with your municipality to find out about installation and maintenance requirements for smoke alarms.

3. Carbon monoxide alarms

- Install at least one carbon monoxide alarm if you have an attached garage or if you use non-electric heating or cooking appliances (e.g. gas stove);
- Check your municipal bylaws for the number of alarms required, as well as installation and maintenance requirements.

4. Safety instructions

Display safety instructions in full view of the tenant:

- emergency numbers (911 and owner's number);
- measures to be taken in the event of fire,
- location and use of portable extinguishers ;
- the assembly point.

5. Means of evacuation

- Keep corridors, stairways and escape doors clear and free of obstructions (e.g. boxes, combustible materials, etc.);
- Make sure corridors, stairways and escape doors are well lit.
during a power failure to allow safe evacuation of your building.

6. Fire doors

- Keep apartment and staircase doors closed at all times;
- Post signs requiring doors to be kept closed at all times;
- Keep doors free of obstructions.

7. Heating with wood

- Have your chimney inspected and swept by an expert once a year, before the heating season;
- Provide tenants with instructions for disposing of hot ashes, as well as a metal container with a lid.

For more tips on fire prevention, visit [Québec.ca](https://quebec.ca). Don't forget to contact your local fire department for information on municipal fire safety regulations.