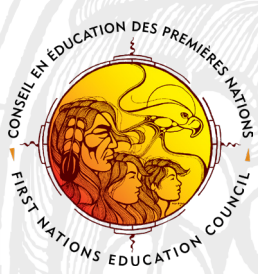


# Did you know?



## FIRE PREVENTION

On the second Sunday in March, we turn our clocks forward. It's also a good time to remember a few fire prevention safety rules:

- Replace the batteries in your smoke detectors. Don't forget that smoke detectors have a lifespan of 10 years. After that, they must be replaced.
- Remind your family of your fire evacuation plan and hold a fire drill.
- Remind your family of basic safety rules (<https://www.quebec.ca/en/public-safety-emergencies/emergency-situations-disasters-and-natural-hazards/what-to-do-before-during-after-emergency-disaster/house-fires>).
- Check fire extinguishers for expiry dates and make sure they are readily accessible.
- Ensure that exits from the house are not blocked.
- Remove snow blocking windows in winter.

Here are some statistics about residential fires:

- Nearly 30% of residential fires start in the kitchen.
- Stoves, deep fryers, and microwaves are the appliances that cause 25% of fires.
- Candles, hot ashes, and smoking paraphernalia are the second most common objects involved in residential fires.
- Electrical outlets, wires and cables, including extension cords and Christmas decorations, as well as other electrical distributors were the cause of 15.6% of fires. (<https://www.guard-x.com/en/news/86-what-are-the-primary-causes-of-house-fires-in-quebec.html>).



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### TO LEARN MORE, PLEASE SEE:

[https://www.redcross.ca/how-we-help/emergencies-and-disasters-in-canada/types-of-emergencies/home-fires?lang=en-ca&\\_ga=](https://www.redcross.ca/how-we-help/emergencies-and-disasters-in-canada/types-of-emergencies/home-fires?lang=en-ca&_ga=)

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