



# Hotel and Motel Safety Tips

**Call 911 in case of fire.**

The BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund would like to remind everyone that when on holiday a hotel or motel room is your home away from home. It is just as important to be prepared and know what you would do in a hotel/motel emergency as it is in your own home.

## Plan ahead

- Choose a hotel/motel that is protected by both smoke alarms and a fire sprinkler system.
- When you check in, ask the front desk what the fire alarm sounds like.
- When you enter your room, review the escape plan posted in your room.
- Take the time to find the exits and count the number of doors between your room and the exit.
- Make sure the exits are unlocked. If they are locked, report it to management right away.
- Keep your room key by your bed and take it with you if there is a fire.
- Locate the fire hydrant in kitchenettes before cooking.

## Leave immediately

- If the alarm sounds, leave right away, closing all doors behind you. Use the stairs — never use elevators during a fire.
- If you must escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your exit.

## If you can't escape

- SHUT off fans and air conditioners.
- STUFF wet towels in the crack around the doors.
- CALL the fire department and let them know your location.
- WAIT at the window and signal with a flashlight or light colored cloth.

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Each year almost 700 children and adults from around B.C. are admitted to the Burn, Trauma and Plastics Units at Vancouver General Hospital and BC Children's Hospital suffering serious trauma.

The BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund provides life saving, life supporting, and life enriching services to them, and works to save all British Columbians from a similar trauma.

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