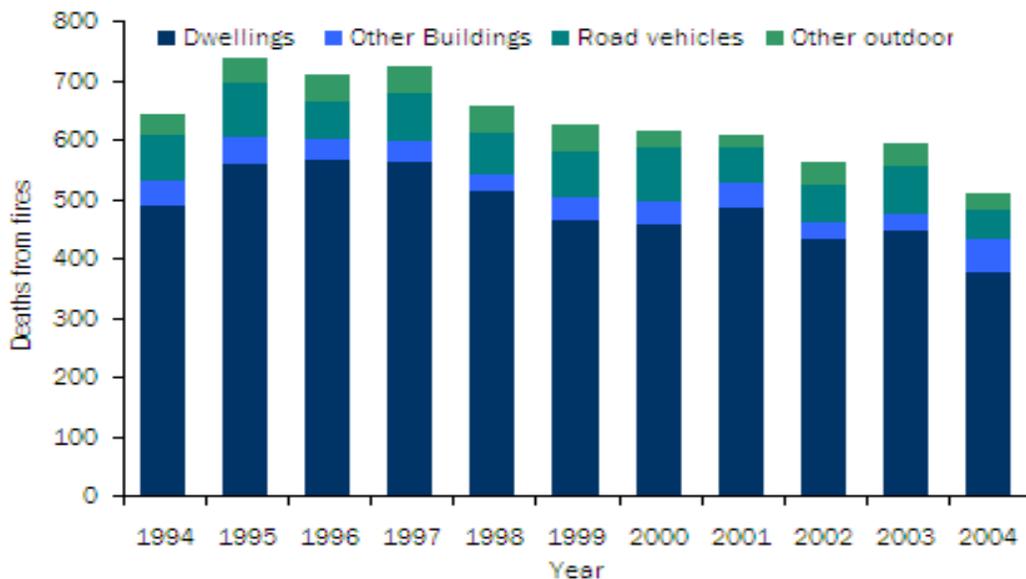


## How to stay safe in case of fire in Toronto

Fire is the uncontrolled burning, which causes damage to property, damage to life and health of citizens and to the interests of society and the state as a whole. The main [factors of fire](#), resulting in loss of life and causing material damage, are high temperature and composition of toxic combustion products. In case of fire you should avoid staying inside building, as there is a great possibility of buildings structural collapse, explosions of technological equipment and devices, failures in the rotten floor of a building or the ground. It is dangerous to enter the zone of smoke formation. To avoid a fire, you need to know the main reasons why it can occur:



- careless handling of fire ([careless smoking](#), open flames indoors, fires close to buildings);
- negligence in the handling of household chemicals, flammable liquids.



The sources of the fire danger are the balconies, loggias, sheds, garages, cluttered with old, useless stuff, such as furniture, papers, clothes. Fires from electrical appliance arise in the case of network overload, also because of the incorrect installation of electrical supply network, while using defective electrical appliances or devices with open spirals and leaving them without control. That is why, before to choose a house for living make sure it is equipped with [fire sprinkler systems](#). One more common reason of fire is the children escapade. Those parents, who leave their children alone at home and do not hide the matches, provoke their kids to play dangerous games with the fire. It is absolutely inadmissible to leave children without control. Violation of the rules of the fire safety is the main cause of fires.

To reduce the risk of fire, firefighters of [Toronto professional firefighters association](#) advice to follow the next rules.

Follow the precautionary measures:

1. Leaving the house, make sure that all electrical appliances are turned off from electrical outlets, the gas is blocked.
2. Remove temporary heaters.
3. Make sure that you do not left burning cigarettes.
4. Close all the windows in the apartment, do not store combustible things on the balcony. Remember that cigarette butts thrown out of the windows can get on the balconies of neighboring apartments.
5. Purchase and place [fire extinguishers](#) in different rooms of your house or apartment.



In order to detect and take timely measures to eliminate the fire, it is necessary to know the main signs of a fire:

1. The emergence of a small flame, which may be preceded by heat or smoldering objects.
2. The presence of smoke smell and the emergence of the substance.
3. Suddenly extinguished light.
4. Smell of burning rubber, plastic.



Remember! In case of a fire, you should always keep a cool head, avoid panic, call the fire department and take the necessary measures to save your life and your family. When you call to the fire department for help tell the operator:

- full address (street, house number and the number of floor and the apartment where the fire occurred);
- your name and phone number.

In case of fire:

1. Call the fire department.
2. Bring children, elderly people and those who need help out to the street.
3. Extinguish the fire with improvised means (water, wet cloth).
4. Disconnect the electricity.
5. Switch the gas of the supply.
6. If it is impossible to eliminate the fire without assistance, leave the area immediately, tightly closing the door without locking it with a key.

Follow the instructions and tips of Toronto firefighters and take care of yourself and your family.

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