

Markham Glen

Fire in Your High Rise

High Rise Condominium Safety Guide

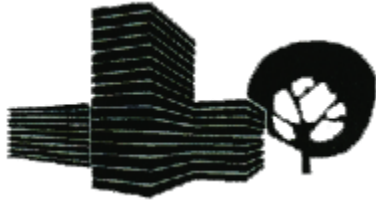
Fire in the Building: Remain in your unit until you're rescued or told to leave. You must be prepared to protect yourself from smoke entering your unit. Use duct tape to seal cracks around the door and place a wet towel at the bottom of the door. Seal vents the same way.

If Smoke Enters Your Unit: Call the fire department by dialing 9-1-1 and tell them where you are and then move to the balcony. Close the door behind you. If you cannot get to balcony go to more smoke free room and close the door and seal it with tape and towels. If necessary open the window for fresh air. Show emergency personal where you are by hanging a sheet from your balcony or window. Keep low to floor where the air is cleaner. Listen to instruction from authorizes.

If You Choose to Leave the Building / Exit Via Stairwells: Leave as soon as possible. Before opening any door, feel the door handle and the door itself, starting from the bottom, moving to the top. If the door is not hot, open it slightly. If you see or smell smoke, or feel or hear air pressure or a hot draft, close the door quickly. If the corridor is free of fire or smoke, take your keys, close the door behind you, and leave the building by the nearest exit stairwell, again closing all doors after you. If you encounter smoke in a stairwell, consider taking an alternate stairwell. Be sure to crawl low under smoke. If the alternate is also contaminated with smoke, return to your unit. When you are safely outside call 9-1-1. Never assume that someone else has already done so. Make sure you give your name, the correct address and location of the fire.

Remember...

1. Never attempt to exit via the roof. Smoke rises and the roof access doors are locked.
2. Never use elevators when fire alarm is sounding.
3. Do not go back into building until Fire Department says it's safe to do so.
4. Do not loiter in lobby.



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In Unit Smoke Detectors

Toronto Fire Services mandate that each unit to have a smoke detector located in the hallway outside the bedrooms. These smoke detectors are not connected to the main building fire system and are the owner's responsibility to maintain.

How to Test Your Smoke Detector:

Toronto Fire Services also requires each unit to test their smoke detectors every year. Test your in unit smoke detector by pressing "test" button. An alarm will sound. This indicated that the smoke detector is functioning properly. Smoke detectors must be no more than 10 years old. If the smoke detector in your unit is older than 10 years old you must replace it for a new smoke detector. Write the date of installation on the side of the smoke detector to remember the when the smoke detector was installed. Replace batteries in smoke detector annually.

The maintenance of the in unit smoke detector is the responsibility of the owner and failure to comply may result in a fine from Toronto Fire Service to the Owner of the Unit.