



Pet Fire Safety

Pets give us comfort, friendship, and unconditional love. Our connection to them can be among the strongest relationships in our lives. But pets can cause fires. We need to be careful with pets in the home.

SAFETY TIPS

- ❖ Pets are curious. They may bump into, turn on, or knock over cooking equipment. Keep pets away from stoves and countertops.
- ❖ Keep pets away from candles, lamps, and space heaters.
- ❖ Always use a metal or heat-tempered glass screen on a fireplace and keep it in place.
- ❖ Keep pets away from a chimney's outside vents. Have a "pet-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 meter) away from the fireplace. Glass doors and screens can stay dangerously hot for several hours after the fire goes out.
- ❖ Consider battery-operated, flameless candles. They can look and smell like real candles.
- ❖ Some pets are chewers. Watch pets to make sure they don't chew through electrical cords. Have any problems checked by a professional.

SMOKE ALARMS

- ❖ Have working smoke alarms on every level of the home. Test your smoke alarms at least once a month.
- ❖ If the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out.
- ❖ Never go back inside for pets in a fire. Tell firefighters if your pet is trapped.

Pets in an Emergency

Be prepared to care for your pets in the case of a major emergency, evacuation or natural disaster.

For more information on caring for your pets in an emergency, visit:
www.brampton.ca



FACT

Have an **EMERGENCY KIT** for your pet. Your kit should include: several days of food and water, pet toy, blanket, bowl, can opener, pet medications with medical record, and current photos in case they are lost.