

# Fire Safety at Home



Spending more time at home? We know that feeling safe and comfortable in your residence is a great comfort during this uncertain time. CAPREIT would like our residents to take time to consider fire safety at home and hazards that can compromise the well-being of you and your loved ones.

**Did you know?** Fire is one of the most common causes of loss or property damage.

There are many potential fire hazards all over your home, whether started by a candle, kitchen fire, or smoking – these events are devastating... and avoidable.

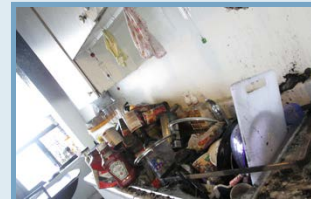
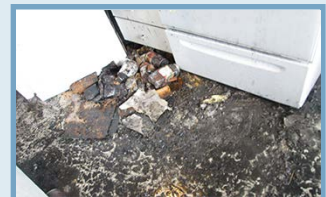


## We can't always predict when an unfortunate event will happen

### Case 1:

While in a hurry to get the kids off to school, a resident at a CAPREIT property in Ontario accidentally left the stove in the on position. In haste, food was left on the stove burner which continued to burn until the kitchen caught fire, and the unit filled with smoke. The resident's partner and child were still asleep in their bedrooms. The smoke alarm system signaled the rapid response of fire services and ensured the safety of all occupants that were inside the unit. While all residents were safe, they suffered substantial damage to their property.

*See more examples of property losses on the next page.*



**Did you know?** If you cause a fire, or other type of loss, you are responsible to cover damage to your own belongings and your apartment, and you are potentially liable for other property damage and injury to others affected.



## Consider the value of the things that you hold dear

AT CAPREIT, we know that prevention is key to reduce the risk of fire in your home. Being prepared is a good idea – and that includes a safeguard to keep you and your visitors protected in the event of an emergency or an unexpected event resulting in property damage or injury.

Carrying a valid tenant insurance policy will give you peace-of-mind to know your belongings are protected from potential risk, and you are protected from the liability that may arise. CAPREIT residents can take advantage of preferred group rates offered through [westlandexpress.ca](http://westlandexpress.ca) or select an alternative provider.



If you have any questions, please contact your Management Office for more information.



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Below are real, unfortunate stories of property loss due to fire

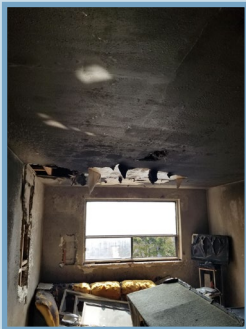
## Case 2:

### Non-extinguished cigarette thrown from balcony

On a cold December night in Alberta, residents were awakened by the fire alarm. Once the fire service arrived the fire intensified, causing devastating damage. It was later determined that the fire was caused by a cigarette which was thrown from a unit onto a balcony below and ignited the furniture on the affected unit's balcony. As a result of this incident, residents of 29 other units suffered from severe water damage as well. This loss resulted in \$1.5 million dollars in damages.

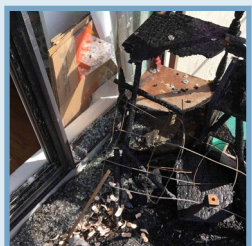
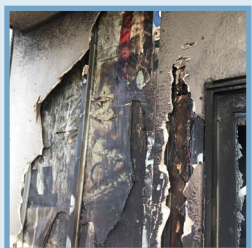


## Case 3:



### Resident's guest improperly attempts to put out flame

In September 2020, a resident's guest at an Ontario property was cooking on the stove when a flare up occurred. The guest ineffectively tried to suppress the fire, causing it to spread. There was a significant amount of smoke damage to the entire apartment and the unit was deemed inhabitable. Therefore, a complete renovation of the unit was required. The resident lost a significant amount of their belongings and did not have tenant insurance. This loss resulted in \$30,000 in damage to the unit, building and other residents' property for which the resident was responsible.



## Case 4:

### Cigarette butt left burning and unnoticed

The fire alarm system at our property in British Columbia alerted the Fire Department to an apartment fire. It was later determined that the fire was caused by a resident who improperly discarded a cigarette butt in a planter on their balcony. The improperly discarded cigarette butt slowly smoldered before igniting other items on the balcony. The rapid response of fire services ensured that there was not damage to the interior of the building. However, the resident suffered damage to their belongings, in addition to \$49,000 in damages to the exterior of the property - all of which the resident was responsible to pay.

