



# Georgina fire safety

## Did you know?

The top three causes of residential home fires in Georgina are:

- Cooking
- Smoking
- Electrical

Within the past five years in Georgina, there has been an average of 27 structure fires per year with the majority of fires occurring between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. These fires are a devastating loss with an annual average dollar loss value of approximately \$5.6 million.

**You may have less than two minutes to escape a fire in your home. How do I protect myself and my home from a fire?**



### How to prevent cooking fires:

- Stay in the kitchen while cooking
- Keep combustible items away from the stove top
- Be alert – alcohol and drug use can cause you to become tired and drowsy
- Take a timer with you to remind you that you are cooking



### How to prevent smoking fires:

- Use a proper ash tray – do not use planters or plastic containers
- Smoke outside
- Empty cooled ashes into a metal container, not the garbage can
- Never smoke in bed



### How to prevent electrical fires:

- Replace damaged electrical and charging cords
- Avoid overloading circuits
- Plug larger appliances directly to an outlet not an extension cord
- Unplug battery chargers once they are fully charged
- Extension cords should only be used as a temporary connection



Check out our new app!

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## Home Inspection Tool

**How fire safe is your home?**

Georgina Fire Rescue Services has created an app for you to do a home inspection to see how fire safe you are.

**Scan the QR to open the app and take the survey.**



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