



2009 - 2012 Residential Fires

The statistics provided here were compiled from fire reports submitted to the Office of the Fire Commissioner (as of April 8, 2013) by Fire Services, Police Authorities and the Insurance Industry in BC.

2009 FIRE REPORTINGS	
Fires Reported - Total	8718
• Injuries due to fire	200
• Deaths due to fire	53
Residential Fires Reported	2393
• Injuries	160
• Deaths	36

2010 FIRE REPORTINGS	
Fires Reported - Total	7305
• Injuries due to fire	179
• Deaths due to fire	43
Residential Fires Reported	2139
• Injuries	142
• Deaths	33

Smoke Alarms Reported as not working (residential)	
• no smoke alarm installed	398
• not activated - reason unknown	305
• not activated - in unsuitable location	97
• not activated - no battery or battery dead	54
• not activated -AC power not connected, disabled or off	44
• not activated - mechanical failure	10

Smoke Alarms Reported as not working (residential)	
• no smoke alarm installed	351
• not activated - reason unknown	313
• not activated - in unsuitable location	99
• not activated - no battery or battery dead	58
• not activated -AC power not connected, disabled or off	41
• not activated - mechanical failure	8

Top Causes of the Residential Fires Reported	
• stove/range top burner area involving fire	418
• fireplace/chimney	141
• electrical wiring	135
• smoker's material - cigarette	131
• cooking equipment	84
• oven of stove/range	79
• candle	62
• heaters includes water/space/portable	62
• wood stove - includes pellet stoves	59
• cannot be determined	596

Top Causes of the Residential Fires Reported	
• stove/range top burner area involving fire	426
• electrical wiring	126
• smoker's material - cigarette	122
• fireplace/chimney	111
• cooking equipment	83
• oven of stove/range	70
• heaters includes water/space/portable	57
• wood stove - includes pellet stoves	54
• candle	47
• cannot be determined	471

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2011 FIRE REPORTINGS	
Fires Reported - Total	6616
• Injuries due to fire	211
• Deaths due to fire	35
Residential Fires Reported	2093
• Injuries	173
• Deaths	21

2012 FIRE REPORTINGS (preliminary)	
Fires Reported - Total	6715
• Injuries due to fire	264
• Deaths due to fire	23
Residential Fires Reported	2192
• Injuries	196
• Deaths	13

Smoke Alarms Reported as not working (residential)	
• not activated - reason unknown	277
• no smoke alarm installed	275
• not activated - in unsuitable location	93
• not activated - no battery or battery dead	58
• not activated -AC power not connected, disabled or off	29
• not activated - mechanical failure	7

Smoke Alarms Reported as not working (residential)	
• no smoke alarm installed	317
• not activated - reason unknown	307
• not activated - in unsuitable location	100
• not activated - no battery or battery dead	53
• not activated -AC power not connected, disabled or off	30
• not activated - mechanical failure	11

Top Causes of the Residential Fires Reported	
• stove/range top burner area involving fire	432
• electrical wiring	135
• fireplace/chimney	124
• cooking equipment	91
• smoker's material - cigarette	87
• oven of stove/range	87
• wood stove - includes pellet stoves	67
• heaters includes water/space/portable	64
• candle	47
• cannot be determined	471

Top Causes of the Residential Fires Reported	
• stove/range top burner area involving fire	525
• electrical wiring	137
• smoker's material - cigarette	134
• fireplace/chimney	90
• cooking equipment	85
• oven of stove/range	75
• heaters includes water/space/portable	48
• candle	47
• wood stove - includes pellet stoves	45
• cannot be determined	462

Data for 2012 is considered preliminary and subject to change as reports are still being received by the Fire Commissioner.