

# Farms and rural properties have unique fire risks.

*Follow these simple steps to help protect  
your family and your investment.*



# Fire Safety for Farms and Rural Properties

Check with the local municipal office or Ministry of Natural Resources for regulations before any open burning.

Install and maintain lightning rods and grounding cables on barns and silos to give lightning a direct path to follow to ground, keeping barns and livestock safe.

Keep property numbers visible and prominently posted to help emergency responders locate your property.

Store hazardous products like herbicides and fertilizers in dry, well-ventilated areas according to manufacturer's recommendations and applicable regulations.

Refuel machinery and equipment outdoors away from potential ignition sources like open flames or sparks.

Enforce a 'NO SMOKING' policy in and around all farm buildings and post 'NO SMOKING' signs in prominent locations.

Ensure that electrical installations and repairs are done by licensed electricians.

Carry out regular inspections of electrical and mechanical systems for corrosion or malfunction that may cause a fire.

Install and maintain working smoke alarms on every storey and outside all sleeping areas of your home.

Develop a home fire escape plan and practise it with all members of the household.



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