

A fire safety plan establishes minimum requirements that will provide a reasonable degree of life safety from fire and similar emergencies. Plans must comply with the National Building Code – Alberta Edition, National Fire Code – Alberta Edition and other applicable laws and regulations.

The type of project determines if a fire safety plan is needed and if so, what kind, as detailed below.

Projects under \$5,000: no fire safety plan needed

No fire safety plan is needed for projects under \$5,000, such as the following:

- building a utility shed less than 10 square metres (108 square feet)
- re-shingling a roof, provided there is no structural work
- installing eaves troughs
- reinstalling/replacing kitchen or bathroom cupboards without plumbing, gas or electrical work
- erecting a fence

Small buildings fire safety plan

A small buildings fire safety plan is needed for projects such as the following:

- projects over \$5,000
- housing and small buildings (ABC Part 9)
- unoccupied buildings
- buildings smaller than 600 square metres
- structures three storeys or less in building height
- determine if Appendices D, E and F apply

Use Appendix A to develop your fire safety plan. You must submit two hard copies or one PDF. Appendix B outlines the guidelines for the construction site.

Customized fire safety plan

A customized fire safety plan is needed for projects such as the following:

- all demolition projects
- all buildings that are occupied during construction or renovation
- buildings larger than 600 square metres
- four storeys or more in building height
- unoccupied buildings
- determine if Appendices D, E and F apply

Note:

It is unlawful to start construction, renovation and demolition without a fire safety plan. If you begin without a plan in place, you may be ordered to stop work, ordered to remove work already done, or prosecuted.

A safety codes officer (SCO) reviews projects during key stages of construction to ensure the work site is safe and complies with the National Fire Code – Alberta Edition. The SCO may visit a site several times depending on the project.