

BARN FIRE SAFETY

TOP 10 CHECKLIST



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| Equine Guelph thanks Heartland Farm Mutual for partnering on our Fire Prevention Program |

Contact your local fire department to do a walkthrough of your property and provide recommendations for a pre-plan. A qualified electrician should also evaluate your facility.

Inside

- Electrical** - all electrical wire is encased in non-corrosive conduit, outlets are GFCI protected and extension cords are rated outdoor and for temporary use only
- Lighting** - all light fixtures are encased in safety enclosures or LED lighting is used
- Appliances** - all fans and heaters used are suitable for agriculture
- Dangerous Supplies** - flammable liquids, fuels and combustion powered-equipment are not stored in the stable
- Storage** - hay and bedding are stored in a separate building a practical distance from stable (note: a few days supply of hay/bedding can be stored in stable)
- Alarms** - smoke detectors/alarms are present and tested (batteries changed) as per manufacturer 's recommendations
- Site Plan** - a floor and site plan is located on property and includes instructions on how to shut off the utilities (ensure everyone has knowledge of this)
- Extinguishers** - 10 pound ABC fire extinguishers are mounted at each exit and everyone at the stable knows how to use one
- Housekeeping** - regular clean-up and disposal of debris including cobwebs, hay and bedding
- Clutter** - aisles and doors are clear at all times

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- Address Visible** - address sign is posted with reflective numbers and is visible from both directions on the road (note: should also be posted inside stable)
- Clear Driveway** - driveway/road can accommodate fire department's vehicles - there are no overhanging branches and roadway is firm (i.e., gravel) and free of potholes
- Winter Plan** - daily snow/ice removal for driveway/road
- Pre-Plan** - has been completed with the local fire department
- Clear Vegetation** - all weeds, brush and debris have been cleared from around stable
- Enforce No Smoking** - "No Smoking" signs are posted around stable and boarders have been informed that smoking will not be tolerated anywhere on the property
- Parking** - owned and tenanted vehicles are parked in designated area away from the stable
- Access to Water** - clearly marked, easy-to-access water spigots are located on exterior all sides of my stable
- Garbage** - rubbish and debris is regularly disposed of from around the farm
- Lightning Rods** - are installed properly on farm buildings



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NOTES

Assess your stable's risk at:

EquineGuelph.ca/Tools/fireprevention.php