

**Farms and rural properties
have unique fire risks.**



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

- 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 manufactures 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 practice it with all members of the household.

