

Unintentional fire-related deaths in Canada, 2011 to 2020¹

On average, **220** fire-related deaths occurred every year in Canada. **81% of these** deaths were **unintentional**.

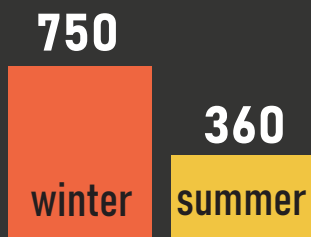


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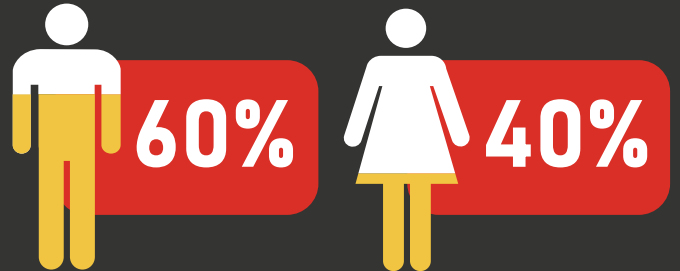
of unintentional fire-related deaths occurred in someone's residence or on their property (including vehicles parked in a driveway or garage).

Workplace (excludes residences)	2%
Other parked vehicles (non-transport-related incident)	1%
Outdoors (park or rural area) and other	1%
Not specified ²	4%

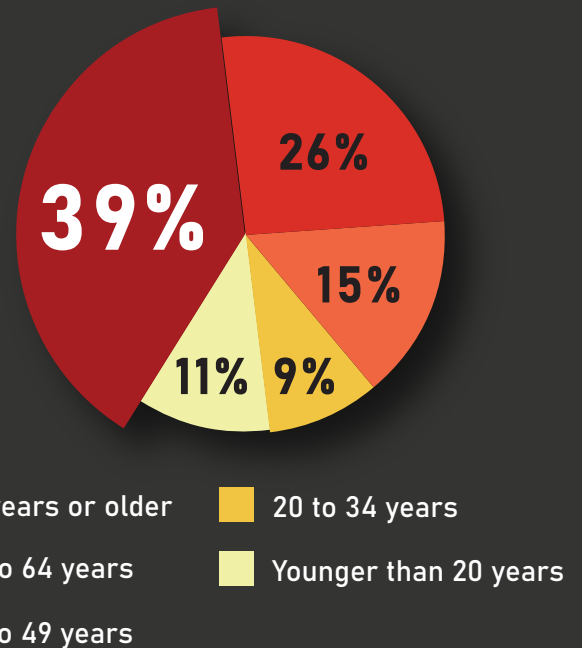
More than twice as many unintentional residential fire-related deaths occurred during **winter** (December to March) than during **summer** (June to September).



The majority of victims of unintentional residential fire-related deaths were male.



Over one-third of victims of unintentional residential fire-related deaths were aged **65 or older**.



At least one modifiable risk factor was reported in approximately half of unintentional residential fire-related deaths.³

At least one-fifth of unintentional residential fire-related deaths were caused by **cigarettes** or **smoking** material.⁴



Alcohol, cannabis or **illicit drug** consumption was reported in nearly **1 in 3 unintentional** residential fire-related deaths.



At least **1 in 7 unintentional residential** fire-related deaths occurred in residences **without a working smoke alarm**.⁵



Notes:

1. Fire-related deaths refer to deaths that occurred as a direct result of a fire incident.
2. "Not specified" is used when the information for a given risk factor is missing.
3. More than one factor may be identified for a single death.
4. Smoking material refers to tobacco products, pipes or any other materials used for smoking.
5. Information on smoke alarms was either not specified, unknown or not applicable in 71% of unintentional residential fire-related deaths.

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