

Safety Tips and Information

- All construction, renovation, and demolition sites are required to have a Fire Safety Plan (FSP).
- The owner, developer or contractor is responsible for developing a Fire Safety Plan and adhering to the applicable provisions of the [National Fire Code - Alberta 2023 Edition](#).
- Large combustible construction projects carry a greater risk due to their size, which increases the potential heat release rate output, significantly affecting adjacent properties within close proximity.
- All construction and demolition sites are required to have a strongly constructed fence, boarding or barricade not less than 1.8m high erected around the perimeter. It is good practice to use clamps to secure the fence panels.
- Adjacent Property Protection (APP) is a requirement under the National Fire Code – 2023 Alberta Edition to limit the risk of fire spread from the construction site to surrounding exposures, which include existing buildings, wildland interface areas, and other features.
- Additional measures building owners and/or contractors could use to provide some of the required protection include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Ensure adequate water supply for firefighting operations is provided as soon as combustible construction materials arrive on the site
 - Application of an acceptable intumescent or flame-retardant coating in accordance with the manufacturer's directions and the criteria utilized in any performance tests
 - Install an acceptable temporary flame/heat-resistant membrane affixed to the exterior sheathing of exposed walls prior to closure and cladding in accordance with the manufacturer's directions and the criteria utilized in any performance tests
 - Complete all fire separations, including installation of fire-rated doors, as each floor is completed,
 - Cover exposed combustible materials as soon as possible
 - Provide temporary sprinkler piping with open sprinkler heads that is connected to the standpipe installed on each floor
 - Temporarily fence and secure a building site
 - Provide on-site security personnel tasked with regular fire watch duties
 - Install security lights around the construction area
 - Designate certain outdoor areas for smoking

- Limit the amount of combustible and flammable materials stored on site
- Ensure that combustible and flammable materials are properly separated when stored on site
- Ensure that daily clean up and disposal of combustible waste are in secured non-combustible containers
- Provide a fire watch at the beginning of every break period on site in addition to a comprehensive site inspection at the end of each day
- Install temporary electronic intrusion and thermal detection systems
- Plan and coordinate non-sequential construction in new residential subdivisions. These methods are only some of the possible solutions to mitigate fire spread.

Some may only be required for a specific duration when on site conditions or activities create increased vulnerability.

- For additional information regarding the [guidelines](#) for the Protection of Adjacent Property During Construction, visit Edmonton.ca/ConstructionFireSafety.
- EFRS advises the public to report any suspicious activity at construction sites to 911 immediately. Early reporting is critical to prevent potential fire risks.
- The public can confidentially report tips on crime and also submit items such as video to Crime Stoppers.

Reporting Infill Construction Concerns

- The City encourages residents to visit edmonton.ca/Infill, where they can learn how to report construction complaints.
- Residents are encouraged to work out construction concerns directly with the builder, whose contact information is required to be displayed on a sign posted on the infill development site. When an issue can not be resolved with the builder, we encourage residents to use the [311 app](#) on a mobile device, submit a ticket at edmonton.ca/311, or call 311.
- Not all complaints are managed by the City. Residents with concerns about worksite safety are encouraged to report them to Alberta Occupational Health and Safety online at alberta.ca/file-complaint-online.
- Residents concerned about immediate worksite danger are encouraged to call 780-415-8690.

Reporting Suspicious Activity

- We are asking the community to report all suspicious activity to the Edmonton Police Service (EPS) or to your local police agency. Examples of suspicious activity or behaviour:
 - Vehicles driving slowly and aimlessly around construction sites late at night.
 - Individuals sitting in a vehicle for extended periods of time.

- Individuals abruptly leaving the area upon being approached by security or contractors.
 - Unknown individuals entering houses that are under construction.
 - Unknown individuals carrying a fuel container (e.g., jerrycan).
 - Individuals seemingly nervous and looking over their shoulders.
 - Anything else out of the ordinary.
- If you observe any of these behaviours, take a note of:
 - Date and time
 - Location
 - Description of the individuals
 - Description of the vehicle
 - Licence plate number
 - Direction of travel for the vehicle
- When you report, you will be asked to provide date, time, location and description of the activity, as well as your name and contact information for follow-up.
 - If there is a life-threatening situation, or a crime in progress, call 9-1-1 immediately.
 - If it is something that you want to report as suspicious, call the Edmonton Police Service non-emergency line at 780-423-4567 (or #377 from your mobile phone). For any reports outside the City of Edmonton, call your local police agency. You can also submit information anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or [online](#). Visit [Crime Stoppers Association of Edmonton and Northern Alberta](#) for more information.