

## **Public Service Announcement**

## Sheds near residential units

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The Office of the Fire Marshal reminds all Nunavummiut to take the following safety precautions for storage sheds near residential units:

- Sheds cannot block access to fuel storage tanks, or access to emergency exits windows or doorways.
- Do not store combustible materials in a shed or on the ground next to any building this is a serious fire hazard.
- Combustible materials must be stored in containers approved for that purpose.
- Sheds should be secured to prevent tampering.
- A minimum distance of three to five metres is required between sheds and residential buildings. This distance allows clear access for firefighting operations and reduces the possibility of a fire spreading to a residential unit.

All landlords are required to provide a safe environment for tenants to reduce fire hazards. Tenants need to ensure that they do not endanger other tenants and the facility that they are living in.

For more information, please contact the Office of the Fire Marshal at 867-975-5310 or esafety@gov.nu.ca.

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