

# Landlord Connect

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## Concerned about opiate overdoses and fentanyl?

So far in 2017, hundreds of people have died in Canada as a result of overdoses from street drugs laced with the extremely potent opioids fentanyl and carfentanyl. Alarming, these numbers continue to rise. Overdoses have typically occurred in people using street opioids, like heroin, that has been laced with fentanyl. Some overdoses have also occurred for people using other street drugs mixed with fentanyl or carfentanyl, such as cocaine. Some businesses, such as bars, community health centres and Toronto Police services are now carrying Naloxone, which can reverse an opioid overdose.

If you live in the same building as your tenants and know or suspect that one or more tenants use street drugs, you may want to pick up a kit and get trained in Naloxone administration. Please note that landlords are not required to carry or administer Naloxone; this information is for your own interest.

To be eligible to receive a free naloxone kit, you must be:

- A current opioid user, or past user who may use again
- A family member, friend, or someone else who is able to help someone at risk of an opioid overdose
- A client of a needle syringe program or hepatitis C program
- Newly released from a correctional facility

Below is a list of places you can obtain and become trained in administering Naloxone:

- Participating pharmacies carry naloxone and can train you on when and how to use it. You do not need a prescription, but will need to show your Ontario health care card.
- Some community organizations and community health centres, such as Queen West Community Health Centre and South Riverdale Community Health Centre, dispense kits and provide training for clients, their friends and families and recently released inmates. You do not need a prescription or a health card.

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- Mobile outreach teams such as those run by South Riverdale Community Health Centre (call or text 416-451-1951) and The Works (call The Works at 416-392-0520; kits can be picked up on-site or the Works van may deliver them to you)

To see a map of all participating pharmacies and organizations, [please click here](#).

## Fire safety and prevention tips

House fires can occur at any time of year, but are more likely to happen in the fall and winter. Read on for some important fire safety and prevention information:

- Install and test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors in accordance with the Ontario Fire Code
- Have a fire escape plan for your building and post it in a common space where all tenants can see it
- Make sure locks on windows and doors can be opened quickly by tenants
- Keeping your properties in a state of good repair, and conducting yearly inspection of units can help you ensure that fire hazards are kept to a minimum
- More fires begin in the kitchen than any other room in a residence. When doing your yearly inspection, examine the stove oven and microwave (if you provide one). Ask your tenants to regularly check their toasters, coffee makers, and other cooking devices for signs of cracking, fraying or wear on cords and plugs.
- Check for recognized testing laboratory labels to show that the unit has been well designed.
- Consider having fire extinguishers in your units – for more info on how to operate extinguishers, [please click here](#). Give this information to your tenants.
- If any of your properties are high-rises, Toronto Fire Services recommends that each tenant has a high-rise survival kit. For items that can be purchased by for under \$50 and that may improve tenants' chances of surviving a fire, or for more information on high-rise fire safety, [please click here](#).

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- Consider installing water sprinkler systems in your buildings. For more information, [please click here](#).

The penalties for Fire Code violations run up to \$50,000 and/or a year in jail for individuals and up to \$100,000 for a corporation. You can [click here](#) for the complete Ontario Fire Code. To read the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, [please click here](#).

If you have properties with 10 or more units or 3 or more stories, you must also keep a logs in regards to fire safety as per the new RentSafeTO program and bylaws. For more information on what you should include in these logs, [please click here](#).

For additional information on fire prevention and safety, [please click here](#).

## Post Your Vacancies on Landlord Connect!

As a member of Landlord Connect, you can post your rental units on our website at no cost. Visit [www.landlordconnect.ca](http://www.landlordconnect.ca) to login and manage your postings, or call the program facilitator at 647-258-9981 for assistance. Know another landlord? Tell them about Landlord Connect!