## Fire and Safety Requirements

Your short-term rental accommodation must have appropriate safety measures in place to protect guests in the event of an emergency.

- Provide contact information for someone who is available to respond to incidents 24/7.
- Install a fire extinguisher on each floor, which must be wall mounted and visible: it cannot be stored in a closet or cupboard.
- ▶ Smoke alarms shall be operated monthly to ensure they are operational. A logbook shall be kept indicating the test dates. Smoke alarms shall be replaced after 10 years
- ▶ Test annually, and maintain in working order, all smoke alarms, fire extinguishers, and carbon monoxide detectors.

## Fire Evacuation Plan

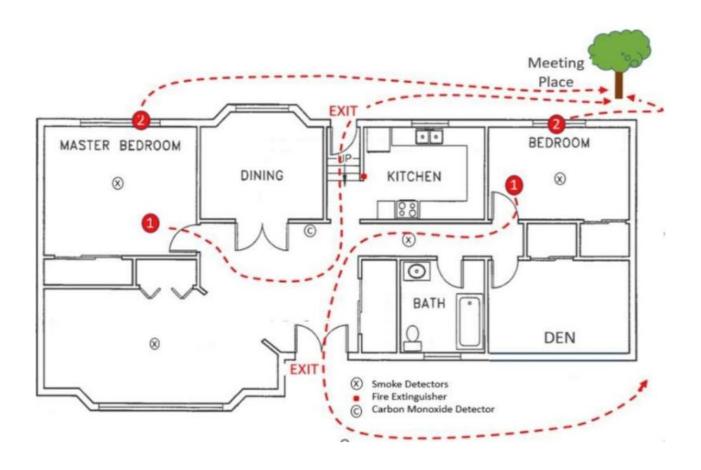
As the fire evacuation must be posted at all entrances and exits and in each approved sleeping unit, applications must be submitted with a complete plan. The fire evacuation plan must include the following information.

- Instructions to occupants in the event of a fire
- Operator's name
- Address of the property
- Responsible Person contact (name and number of someone who is locally available 24 hours a day to address immediate concerns)
- Emergency contact number (911)
- Designated meeting point
- Secondary exit path from bedrooms(s)
- Location of smoke/carbon monoxide alarms

- Location of fire extinguishers
- Location of fire exits from the rental property
- Location of window exits and the size of their unobstructed openings
- ▶ Types of bed in each sleeping unit
- Location of any sofa beds
- Legends to the symbols used in drawing
- The entire dwelling unit must be included with all sleeping units labelled for short-term rental use



## **Sample Fire Evacuation Plan**



## Instructions to occupants in the event of a fire

- 1. Call the Fire Department: Dial 911. Tell them you are reporting a fire at: (Address, Vernon, BC)
- 2. If you are able, attempt to extinguish or control the fire using the available fire extinguisher.
- 3. At the sound of the smoke alarm or residential sprinkler system siren, leave the area immediately by the nearest safe exit and gather at (designated meeting point).
- 4. Once safe, please contact (Responsible Person contact name and number of someone who is locally available 24 hours a day to address immediate concerns).

