

## Reportable Vs. Unreportable Fires

This document is designed to support Local Assistants to the Fire Commissioner and fire departments in preparing fire incident reports in conjunction with the Fire Reporting Manual.

### All fires should be reported that cause the following:

- Damage to property
- Injuries/fatalities
- Requires fire department resources to suppress the fire

Structural Fires include:	Vehicle Fires include:	Outdoor Fires include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buildings</li> <li>• Piers</li> <li>• Decks/Patios</li> <li>• Parkades/Covered Parking Lots</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cars/trucks</li> <li>• Trains</li> <li>• Boats</li> <li>• Planes</li> <li>• ATV's</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dumpsters</li> <li>• Playground equipment</li> <li>• Telephone booths</li> <li>• Telephone poles</li> <li>• Beaches</li> </ul>

### Examples of Reportable Fires

### Examples of Unreportable Events

<p><b>Smoke or Heat but no fire:</b> If there is extensive smoke or heat damage (dollar loss) and requires Fire Dept assistance to clear smoke.</p>	<p><b>Smoke but no fire:</b> If there is little or no damage (dollar loss) to property i.e.: burnt roast in an oven should not be reported.</p>
<p><b>Outdoor dumpster fires:</b> All of these fires must be reported.</p> <p><b>Fires that were extinguished prior to fire department attendance:</b> Even though civilians present were able to suppress the fire, likely you still need to check for hotspots, and are responsible to determine the cause and origin of the fire to report it.</p> <p><b>Unattended Fires</b> including backyard burning, camp fires, beach fires.</p> <p><b>Grass/Landscape/Bark Mulch Fires.</b></p> <p>Any outdoor fire that has spread or gone out of control, whether attended or not.</p>	<p>False Alarms.</p> <p>Off season yard burning (when attended by owner/occupier).</p> <p>Illegal Bonfires/Campfires (when attended).</p> <p>Bylaw infractions/burning complaints that are attended by owners/occupants.</p> <p>Vehicle fires resulting from motor vehicle accidents; if an exposure fire occurs to an adjacent object or building, that fire may be reportable.</p>