

# NIRS -The National Incident Reporting System-

## What is NIRS?

The NIRS is a database stewarded by the National Indigenous Fire Safety Council (NIFSC). The system aims to become the first of its kind in Canada to track and report incidents specifically within Indigenous Communities. This information will be shared back to our Indigenous collaborators as credible data that will help inform First Nations' well-being. This Indigenous lead approach will focus on supporting capacity building by placing community safety at the core of its mission and purpose.

## Why?

Reporting these incidents helps identify gaps in fire protection on reserve and supports the long-term reduction of fire-related injury, property damage and loss of life. It also supports long-term decision-making that will help ensure indigenous communities living on reserves receive the same level of fire protection as other citizens of Canada. By understanding how and why fires are occurring, we can bring direct attention to the root cause and prevent future fires from happening.

## Who reports?

Anyone: First Nation Fire Departments, Chief & Council, Emergency Coordinators, Investigators, Police, and Community Members.



## Who benefits?

The Community: Credible data will help target overall fire and life safety education, programs, training, and services. It will also inform and support future investments that yield the most significant impact.

Chief and Council: Credible Data can be used from an economic planning perspective. Information will help guide future investments, infrastructure, and educational programming to ensure the root causes are identified to support safer communities.

National & Regional Indigenous Organizations: Access to fire statistics supports evidence-based and informed decision-making with respect to operational decisions, policy development, and promoting public awareness.

No National Jurisdiction is responsible for fire services, and varying data collection by individual provinces allows for a national steward that will enable Indigenous communities to benefit from lessons learned across the country.



**Fire Safety Education**



**Community Safety Assessments**



**Credible Data**



**Identifying Trends**



**Fire Department Assessments**



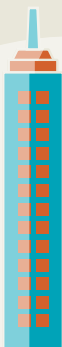
**Reduction of Fatalities and Injuries**



**Reports to help future Funding and Planning**



**Safer Communities**



### **How to report?**

You will receive a PDF copy of your report online :

[www.indigenousfiresafety.ca/nirs](http://www.indigenousfiresafety.ca/nirs)

or call for assistance over the phone :

**778-866-2291**