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# Most building fires caused by accident, Bomba statistics show

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A whopping 96.47% of the 5,485 building fires reported in Malaysia last year were due to accidents, according to the latest data from the Fire and Rescue Department Malaysia (Bomba). The numbers underscore the crucial fact that most fires can be avoided with fire safety awareness, especially in residential buildings, as most fires involve homes.

Blazes in residential properties (landed, high-rise, squatter and longhouse/traditional house) dominated the statistics, at 3,308 or 60.3%, followed by shoplots (528 or 9.6%) and stores (323 or 5.8%). The top causes of residential fires were electrical, cooking gas and undefined reason.

To raise awareness about the need for everyone to be vigilant and remain updated on home fire safety procedures and responses, EdgeProp.my is organising a half-day free symposium on Saturday, Oct 14 from 9am to 1pm at the Hilton KL Sentral. Participants can register online on a first-come, first-served basis.

The symposium is presented by Gamuda Land and supported by Nippon Paint Malaysia.

Five experts will share their expertise on fire safety and prevention measures in the home.

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Clockwise from top left: Lee Chong, Hamdan, Nur Faidarina, Au and Low.

They are Architect Centre accredited building inspector and trainer Anthony Lee Tee; Lee Siong Architect principal architect Chong Lee Siong; Bomba's Fire Safety Division assistant commissioner Hamdan Ali; Henry Butcher Malaysia (Mont'Kiara) Sdn Bhd executive director Low Hon Keong; and the Energy

Commission's Electrical Equipment Unit-Electrical Safety Regulations Department executive Nur Faidarina Alias.

Lee will speak on "Burning facts that you cannot ignore", discussing facts and figures on fires in Malaysia and electrical safety issues.

Hamdan's talk is titled "Fire safety and building regulations — is Malaysia outdated?", while Low will discuss the importance of fire prevention features in a property, such as fire staircases and water pumps.

Chong's topic is "So, your home was built with fire safety in mind?", while Faidarina will offer guidelines and tips on how to safeguard your home against electrical incidents.

To round it off, there will be a panel discussion between Hamdan, Lee and Nur Faidarina that will be moderated by EdgeProp.my's managing director and editor-in-chief Au Foong Yee.

## Fire incidents by premise types in 2016

