



Peterborough Fire Department

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Fire Prevention Week 2008 - October 4th - 11th

The theme for the Fire Prevention Week 2008 is “**Prevent Home Fires**”.

The Peterborough Fire Department responded to approximately 100 home fires in the past year. The majority of home fires start in the kitchen when cooking is left unattended, but fires can occur anywhere in the home from space heaters, fireplaces, electrical outlets, smoking articles and candles. Thousands of injuries and deaths could be prevented if everyone applied a little common sense and followed simple fire safety precautions.

The Peterborough Fire Department will be promoting home fire safety education through different venues that week.

- **October 4th** – Doors Open, 10-2 pm The Peterborough Fire Department will be participating in the Doors Open Event.
- **October 6th** – Honourary Fire Fighter awarded to Bob Webb for his long term service as Civil Defence Fire Fighter in the 1950's and for his contribution with the Peterborough-County Disaster Trust Fund. Presentation at the Sherbrooke Street Fire Hall at 10:00 am.
- **October 6th -11th** Lansdowne Place – a display will be set up and Fire Prevention Education Officers will be available to answer any of your questions.
- **October 6th -11th** Fire Fighters will be visiting daycares through out the city providing Fire Safety Education.
- There will be a **Fire Safety Poster Contest** for elementary school children in Peterborough. The contest encourages children to draw a picture depicting the fire department in the past or future. The posters will be displayed at the Lansdowne Place mall.

This information is also available on our City of Peterborough website at www.peterborough.ca

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