



# Peterborough Fire Service

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To minimize the risk of fire and burn injuries this Victoria Day Weekend, the Peterborough Fire Service is urging residents to include fire safety in their plans.

“Family fireworks or informal neighborhood displays are not recommended,” says Ontario Fire Marshal Pat Burke. “Instead, families and friends are urged to attend fireworks displays hosted by municipalities. Fireworks are extremely dangerous and should be left to fireworks professionals who are trained to handle and discharge them safely.”

For those traveling to cottages, cabins and seasonal homes, consider purchasing new smoke alarms and batteries in case they need replacing when you arrive. It’s the law for all Ontario homes, cottages, cabins and seasonal homes to have working smoke alarms on every storey and outside all sleeping areas. “If you have a fuel-burning appliance in your seasonal dwelling, check your carbon monoxide alarm.” says Acting Fire Chief Trent Gervais. “We want everyone to enjoy this long weekend and that includes staying safe.”

Other important fire safety tips for the weekend include: knowing the telephone number for the closest fire department and your cottage’s emergency sign number, keeping barbeque lighters and matches out of sight and reach of children and checking with the local fire department about regulations regarding fireworks.

For further information, contact Peterborough Fire Service – Fire Prevention staff at (705) 745-3284. This information is also available on our City of Peterborough website at [www.peterborough.ca](http://www.peterborough.ca).

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