



Peterborough Fire Services

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Protect Your Family From Fire!

Fire Prevention Week runs from October 9 – 15

Peterborough Fire Services is urging residents to take responsibility for protecting their families from fire. “Too many people have become complacent about fire safety,” said Chief Gervais of Peterborough Fire Services. “People need to take action to keep their families safe from fire.”

Peterborough Fire Services has issued the following reminders to protect families from fire:

- The leading cause of residential fires in Ontario is unattended cooking. Prevent these fires by staying in the kitchen when cooking.
- It’s the law in Ontario to have working smoke alarms on every storey of the home and outside all sleeping areas. Fire Services also recommends installing a smoke alarm in every bedroom. Test smoke alarms every month and change the batteries at least once a year or whenever the low-battery warning chirps.
- Develop a home fire escape plan with your family so that everyone knows what to do if a fire occurs.

The theme of this year’s Fire Prevention Week is **Protect Your Family From Fire!** Peterborough Fire Services will be holding a number of events throughout the week to raise public awareness about the importance of working smoke alarms. These events will include:

- Fire trucks will visit various Peterborough daycares throughout the week.
- Fire Prevention displays will be set up at local shopping venues throughout the week.

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

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