

OCTOBER IS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

LEARN NOT TO BURN!

— Prevention — Is The Only Sure Way To Reduce The Loss Of Life And Property Destruction Due To Fires

"A significant factor contributing to the cause and spread of fire is human failure — failure to recognize hazards and take adequate preventive measures, failure to act intelligently at the

outbreak of the fire, failure to take action which would limit damage." These failures cannot be legislated out of existence; they must be dealt with through education.

DAY IN AND DAY OUT

FIRE FIGHTERS SEE THE EVIDENCE OF HUMAN FAILURE



YOU
Can Help Prevent
FIRES

They see pennies in fuse boxes and 30-ampere fuses where 15-ampere fuses ought to be. They see the tragic consequences of trash or flammable liquids stored near furnaces, overloaded electrical circuits, gas heaters improperly vented. They find the victims of fire who have died in their sleep because they failed to take the routine precaution of always sleeping with bedroom doors closed. And when they can get to them, they find the charred bodies of those who took a fatal gamble with fire: who opened a hot door, who dashed through smoke instead of crawling along the floor, who might have survived the gauntlet if they had held a wet cloth over nose and mouth. Organizations like the National Fire Protection Association and the National Safety Council have based their fire safety messages on these common failings. Firefighters and others have brought these messages into the home and classrooms of Canada. Hopefully their efforts will alert all to the dangers of fire.



A MESSAGE
FROM THE
FIRE CHIEF



A recent analysis of fires indicates that your family will have three occasions during your lifetime to call the fire department.
You and members of your family will be directly exposed to the hazards of fire.
To minimize this probability, your Fire Department, through its Total Task Program, attempts to get across to you, the citizen, on how you can best avoid the tragedy fire can create.
We are entering a period officially set aside to emphasize and make you think about the safety of your family when fire strikes.
The Mission of the Fire Service is traditional and enduring: To protect Life and Property from the Tragedy of Fire - by preventing fires before they occur, and responding to those that do occur for rescue and extinguishment.
As Fire Chief, I urge you and your family to actively participate in our program of Fire Prevention.

Ken J. Buikema

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Fire Chief
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IF FIRE BREAKS OUT IN YOUR HOME

Follow These Suggestions

- 1 If a fire breaks out in your home, get out fast — with your family. Fire can spread faster than you can run.
- 2 If you find smoke in an open stairway or open hall, use another preplanned way out. Teach your children how to use the phone to report a fire.
- 3 Make sure children can open doors, windows and screens to escape routes.
- 4 Make sure your family knows the quickest and safest ways to escape from every room in the house.
- 5 DON'T fight a fire yourself. DON'T jump. Many people have jumped and died — without realizing rescue was just a few minutes away.
- 6 If you are trapped in a smoke-filled room, stay near the floor, where the air is better.

FIRE PREVENTION A Year Round Job

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