

Test those detectors

Fire Prevention Week kicks off today

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Test your detectors is the message behind this year's Fire Prevention Week set for October 6 through 12.

Brian Ellsworth, fire prevention officer with Halton Hills Fire Department, said the department is encouraging area residents to test both their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they are working. He stressed the need for both in homes.

Fire Prevention Canada statistics show a high percentage of residential fire deaths occur in homes without smoke alarms, or where the smoke alarm fails to operate.

At least one smoke alarm is recommended on every level of a home, and outside of bedrooms if they are separated by other rooms.

Ellsworth stressed the importance of families sitting down and coming up with a fire escape plan. Two ways out of every room, usually a door and a window, should be part of the escape plan.

A display on fire safety will be set up at Georgetown Marketplace for the week. Firefighters will be on



Fire Prevention Week kicks off today and during the week Halton Hills Fire Department is urging area residents to test their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. On hand at McDonald's in Georgetown, which is also promoting fire safety, were from left, co-op student at the fire department Shawn Barnes, McDonald's employee Jennifer Boysen, Georgetown McDonald's owner Sandy Hepburn, McDonald's employee Sandra Dennis and Brian Ellsworth of Halton Hills Fire Department.

Photo by Lisa Tallyn

hand, particularly in the evening, to provide information. McDonald's is also taking part in promoting fire safety during the week.

McDonald's will use placemats with information about fire safety and a babysitters checklist on their trays throughout the week and will provide a poster featuring fire trucks of the century as its regular treat.

On the back of the poster is a graph for kids to use when drawing their fire escape plan and games to teach them about fire safety.

On Friday, October 11, between 1 and 3 p.m. Shawn Barnes, a co-op student at the fire department, will be at McDonald's dressed in firefighting gear to talk to kids about what to do if they are in a fire.

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