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When it comes to house fires you need two ways out

Last year's Fire Prevention Week theme was 'Don't Wait — Check the Date', which referred to your home's fire detection devices.

This year, the National Fire Protection Association is focusing on escaping homes safely with this year's theme: "Every Second Counts — Plan 2 Ways Out".

Fire Prevention Week 2017 runs internationally from Oct. 8 to Oct. 14 and encourages families around the world to plan, and practice multiple routes out of their houses in case of fire.

"Everyone should have a plan in place, and they should always plan two alternate ways," said Harry Olivieri, the deputy chief of fire prevention and public education with the Halton Hills Fire Department.

"If you have to go through the living room to get out the front door, then what if the fire is in the living room? You need to have two plans of getting out... if you can't get out the front, go out the back. There is always two ways to get out of every room."

Fire Prevention Week is an international event that began in 1925, and is the longest running public health observance. The week is always the Sunday to Saturday in which Oct. 9 falls — commemorating the Great Chicago Fire from 1871, which killed more than 250 people and destroyed more than 17,000 structures.

"Fire prevention is more than just planning though, you need early warning as well," said Olivieri. "Smoke and fire spread very fast, so you need to have your [smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector] working properly."

The Halton Hills Fire Department will have a booth setup at the Georgetown Home Hardware, Georgetown Canadian Tire, and the Acton Home Hardware.

Olivieri also encourages anyone with questions to visit their local fire station.



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