



The hockey season isn't over. Ball hockey has a large following. Anyone over 16 years of age can play at the Schreiber Recreation Centre every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for \$1. Photo by Dave Chmara

Northern Developments

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Did you know that most household accidents are preventable? Common sense and a little caution will go a long way towards preventing a tragic or disabling accident.

Spring cleaning around your home or cottage presents the potential for many accidents.

Burning grass and brush requires extra attention especially if conditions are dry. Inspect the area to be burned closely - if there appears to be any danger areas or doubts in your mind consult your fire department or local Ministry of Natural Resources for

a professional evaluation.
A burning permit will be required, so it is always best to seek their advice anyway. Always have on hand a few pails of water, shovels, running water. An old broom on hand can be soaked in water makes a good fire swatter.

Do not burn on hot or windy days and never leave the burn site too soon - make sure the fire is dead out.

Carting away old debris and junk may require two or more people. Never lift heavy objects by yourself - ask for a helping hand. If you must lift such things lift with your legs not your back. A back injury can be painful and long lasting. Make sure the load is tightly secured and your vehicle is not overloaded.

Cleaning windows and painting trim or siding is best done with the aid of scaffolding if available. A ladder or step ladder will do that job in helping you reach high-out of the way areas, but remember to securely place the ladder and do not dangerously extend your reach.

Inside the home or cottage requires equal safety sense. Stairways are a very common accident site. Do not clutter a stairway with extension cords or cleaning equipment - a clean work area is a safe one.

Dispose of all paints, cleaning fluids and household chemicals you no longer require. Leaving them around the home could pose a danger to your children or pets. Consult your fire department about the safest way to dispose of such household products. If at all possible products such as gasoline, fertilizers, propane and flammables should be stored in a shed outside your home.

Read the labels on all cleaning solutions you will use - follow the instructions paying special attention to safety rules. Wear protective clothing if required. Remember that many household cleaning products are corrosive or abrasive.

There are many more safety concerns to be aware of - these are but a few to keep you informed. If you would like to learn more about working safely around the home contact the office of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, 2 Stevens Ave., Marathon, Ontario or call 229-1153. For areas outside of Marathon ask your operator for Zenith 33160.

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