



**TERRACE FIRE DEPARTMENT REMINDS RESIDENTS:
NOT EVERY HERO WEARS A CAPE. PLAN AND PRACTISE YOUR ESCAPE!™**

Fire Prevention Week™ Runs October 6–12, 2019

The Terrace Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®)—the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years—to promote this year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign, “Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practise Your Escape!” The campaign works to educate everyone about the small but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

Data from Statistics Canada show that the number of structure fires declined by 26 per cent between 2005 and 2014. However, residential fires consistently accounted for roughly six of every 10 structural fires during that period. According to StatsCan, cooking equipment and smokers’ material caused approximately six of every 10 residential fires.

“These numbers show that home fires continue to pose a significant threat to safety,” said Lorraine Carli, NFPA’s vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. “In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Escape planning and practice can help you make the most of the time you have, giving everyone enough time to get out. While NFPA and the Terrace Fire Department are focusing on home fires, these messages apply to virtually any location.

“Situational awareness is a skill people need to use wherever they go,” said Fire Chief John Klie. “No matter where you are, look for available exits. If the alarm system sounds, take it seriously and exit the building immediately.”

The BC Fire Training Officers Association, BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund, Fire Chiefs' Association of BC, Fire Prevention Officers' Association of BC, First Nations' Emergency Services Society, FortisBC, and Office of the Fire Commissioner are hosting a fire and burn prevention contest, with an opportunity to win some fantastic prizes for the elementary (Kindergarten to Grade 7) students in our community. Details on the contest, including deadlines, rules, and prizes, can be found on the Office of the Fire Commissioners' website at www.gov.bc.ca/FireSafety/FirePreventionWeek.

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To find out more about Fire Prevention Week programs and activities in Terrace, please contact the Terrace Fire Department at firehall@terrace.ca or 250-638-4740. For more general information about Fire Prevention Week and home escape planning, visit www.fpw.org.

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