

NEWS RELEASE

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Its Fire Prevention Week October 5-11

Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives!

Summary

Working smoke alarms can make a life-saving difference in a fire. That's the message behind this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!"

According to the latest National Fire Prevention Association research, working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a fire in half. Meanwhile, almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

Nanaimo Fire Rescue Crews will be on site at Home Depot, Saturday October 4th beginning at 10am for a couple of hours, providing information to residents about Fire Safety and the importance of testing your smoke alarms as part of Fire Prevention Week. More information can be found at fire.nanaimo.ca and the National Fire Prevention Associations website at www.firepreventionweek.org

Strategic Link: The City of Nanaimo is committed to Public Safety.

Key Points

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Nanaimo Fire Rescue Crews will be at Home Depot on Saturday October 4th.
- Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button. Make sure you vacuum your smoke alarms every month too. Know what to do when you hear it. Practice your escape plan with your family and loved ones.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or sooner if they don't respond properly.

Quotes

"In a fire, seconds count," said Alan Millbank, Fire Prevention Officer. "Roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported at night between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most people are asleep. Home smoke alarms can alert people to a fire before it spreads, giving everyone enough time to get out."

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