



Participate in the *Community Fire Drill*

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VICTORIA, BC — Every second can mean the difference between life and death in the event of a fire. Testing your household smoke alarms and practising your fire escape plan can increase your family's chance of survival.

During Fire Prevention Week (October 3 - 9, 2010), fire departments across British Columbia invite you to participate in the province-wide *Community Fire Drill*. On Wednesday, October 6, 2010, at 6:30 p.m., some participating fire departments may have their trucks outside their halls and may sound their sirens signifying the start of the drill.

At 6:30 p.m. tomorrow, test your household smoke alarm, practise your escape plan and gather at your family's predetermined meeting place.

The purpose of the drill is to ensure residents have working smoke alarms, know the sound of these alarms, and practise escape routes from their residence.

A fire can spread quickly, leaving you with as little as two minutes to escape safely. Advance planning and practising your escape plan is essential to your family getting out safely. If you have questions or concerns about your household escape plan, contact your local fire department.

Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!, is this year's theme for Fire Prevention Week, which focuses on educating residents on the proper installation, testing and maintenance of household smoke alarms, and how to plan and practise escaping from a residence, should a fire occur.

For more information, visit: www.victoria.ca and click on *What's New?* or visit the Fire Prevention Officers Association of British Columbia at: www.fpoa.bc.ca

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