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Fire Prevention Week's Centennial Year - *Fire won't wait. Plan your escape*™

VICTORIA, BC — It's the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week and the Victoria Fire Department is again partnering with the National Fire Protection Association to promote this year's public safety campaign "*Fire won't wait. Plan your escape*™".

The campaign runs October 9 - 15 to raise awareness on how to plan ahead to keep you and your family safe in the event of a fire.

"Emergency planning is just as relevant today as it was 100 years ago," said Megan Sabell, Assistant Chief Fire Prevention. "Today's homes burn hotter and faster, and it is imperative to have a practiced plan in place so you can escape a fire quickly and safely. Emergency planning should include all members of your household - everyone should know how to get out, where to meet and to stay out until it is safe."

Follow these tips to prepare your household to be safe:

- Install smoke alarms in sleeping areas and on every level of your home.
- Practice your home fire drill and make sure everyone has an escape plan.
- If an alarm sounds, get out, call 9-1-1 and stay out.
- Know exits out of every room and ensure doors and windows leading outside open easily.
- If there is smoke, get low and close doors behind you when exiting.
- Plan an outside meeting place a safe distance from the home.

During Fire Prevention Week, the Victoria Fire Department will be visiting local elementary schools to talk about fire safety.

To learn more about local Fire Prevention Week programs and activities in Victoria, please contact the Victoria Fire Department at 250.920.3350. More information about Fire Prevention Week can be found at fpw.org.

Media Opportunity:

Proclamation Ceremony and Flag Raising – Mayor Lisa Helps will proclaim Fire Prevention Week and speak to its significance.

Date: Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Time: 8:50 – 9:15 a.m.

Location: Victoria Fire Department Headquarters (Hall #1) at 1234 Yates Street

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