



## Burn Awareness Week 2023 in First Nations' Communities

Dear Chief, and Council Members,

Each year across Canada thousands of people suffer burn and scald injuries and our young children and Elders are most at risk. The good news is that these injuries are preventable.

Burn Awareness Week (BAW) 2023 is February 5-11<sup>th</sup>. This is an annual, National campaign intended to heighten awareness about devastating burn injuries and educate people about how to prevent and treat them. The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of activities that may be happening in your community during Burn Awareness Week.

### FNESS Burn Awareness Week Campaign

- **For Schools**, FNESS has created a Poster Contest. The purpose of the Contest is to engage all students, kindergarten through grade 12, in an art activity to learn about burn and scald prevention. A winning poster from each grade will receive a \$50 VISA gift card!
- **For Fire Departments**, FNESS has developed a *Burn Awareness Education Poster* that can be used to educate communities and to include on websites, social media sites and newsletters.

All Burn Awareness Week materials have been included as attachments in the email containing this letter. They can also be found on the FNESS website at [www.fness.bc.ca](http://www.fness.bc.ca). We encourage you to review this information and use it in any way you find helpful in your community.

Thank you for keeping your community safe. Any opportunity you have to support Burn Awareness Week 2023 in your community is appreciated.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact FNESS at [fireservices@fness.bc.ca](mailto:fireservices@fness.bc.ca).

Sincerely,

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