



## Burn Awareness Week 2023 in First Nations' Communities

Dear Fire Chief,

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 the public about how to prevent and treat them.

The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of the BAW educational materials sent to all First Nations' schools and share potential ways you could support this important week.

### **Burn Awareness Week School Poster Contest**

The purpose of the Poster Contest is to engage all students, kindergarten through grade 12, in an art activity to learn about preventing burns and scalds. A winning poster from each grade will receive a \$50 VISA gift card!

Details about the Poster Contest, quick tips for teachers, and a *Burn Awareness Education Poster* for parents/caregivers and the community has also been provided to schools.

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

### **How can First Nations Fire Departments support Burn Awareness Week?**

1. Please review the materials provided to better understand the importance of preventing burn and scald injuries and share that knowledge with your family and friends.
2. Educate your community by sharing the *Burn Awareness Education Poster* and including it on social media, newsletters, and websites.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to keep your communities safe. If you would like more information, please contact FNESS at [fireservices@fness.bc.ca](mailto:fireservices@fness.bc.ca).

Sincerely,

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