



## Fire Prevention Week October 8-14, 2023

*'Cooking safety starts with you! Pay attention to fire prevention.'*™

Dear Chief and Council Members,

Fire Prevention Week (FPW) is fast approaching and FNESS wants to help you to support your community to stay fire safe!

This year's FPW theme 'Cooking Safety Starts With YOU!' is all about staying safe while preventing devastating fires and burn injuries while cooking. Cooking related fires are a leading cause of home fires and injuries and sadly, our babies, children, and Elders are at greatest risk.

The good news though is that most cooking fires are preventable, so this FPW let's reach as many people as possible with important fire safety information and best practices.

The FNESS FPW 2023 campaign provides resources and materials for Band Offices, Fire Departments, Schools, and families. Check the FNESS website @ [fness.bc.ca/resource/fire-prevention-week-2023](https://fness.bc.ca/resource/fire-prevention-week-2023), for materials and ideas to support your FPW efforts. We are asking everyone in the community to work together to keep our families and loved ones safe.

To emphasise the importance of fire prevention and preparedness, we are asking you to **consider officially proclaiming Fire Prevention Week in your community. Doing so demonstrates your ongoing leadership and commitment to community safety. A copy of the proclamation is included in this package.**

I want to thank you for your ongoing efforts in community safety. As community leaders you play a significant role in the health and safety of your members. Many communities across the province have accessed our smoke alarm and fire extinguisher program and are benefitting from these important lifesaving devices. If you have not yet accessed the program or need help with implementation and training, please contact us for support at [fireservices@fness.bc.ca](mailto:fireservices@fness.bc.ca).

Sincerely,

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