



Fire Prevention Week October 8-14, 2023

‘Cooking Safety Starts with YOU! Pay Attention to Fire Prevention’™

Dear Fire Chief,

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

This year’s FPW theme is all about staying safe while cooking. Cooking related fires are a leading cause of home fires and injuries. Sadly, our babies, children, and Elders are at greatest risk. The good news is that most cooking fires are preventable, so this FPW let’s reach as many people as possible to keep everyone safe.

To help your Fire Department engage and educate your community about fire safe cooking practices, FNESS has included some ideas and resources with this letter. These resources are also located on the FNESS Fire Prevention Week webpage @ fness.bc.ca/resource/fire-prevention-week-2023 and can be downloaded for printing and distribution. Attachments include:

- FPW Kick-Off Ideas
- Hosting an Open Host
- Hosting a Fire and Life Safety Education Booth
- Cooking Fire Safety Sheet
- Cooking Fire Safety Presentation with PowerPoint
- FNESS Program Sheet
- Partnering Letter to Neighbouring Fire Departments
- Cooking Fire Safety Quiz

We have again created a FPW School Program that all schools in your community have received. School program materials are also available on the FNESS Fire Prevention Week webpage @ fness.bc.ca/resource/fire-prevention-week-2023. To support the good work of teachers, extend an offer to do a fire safety presentation at your schools during Fire Prevention Week. And to ensure children attending off-reserve schools also get important fire safety information, consider partnering with neighbouring fire departments in those communities where your children attend school.

I want to thank you for your ongoing efforts in community safety. As a community leader you play a significant role in the health and safety of your citizens and fire department members. What you do, truly matters.

Remember, FNESS is here to provide training, support, and resources to make Fire Prevention Week 2023 in your community the best ever. If you have any questions or would like more information, please email the Fire Services Department at fireservices@fness.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

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