

Blind River Fire Department

Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere.

Fire Prevention Week runs from October 7-13, 2018

The Blind River Fire Department is urging everyone in the Municipality of Blind River to LOOK, LISTEN and LEARN about fire safety during this year's Fire Prevention Week which runs from October 7-13, 2018, is "LOOK. LISTEN. LEARN. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere."

The theme focuses on three fundamental actions people can take to be fire-safe:

1. **LOOK** for potential fire hazards around your home. Take action to prevent fire from starting:
 - Always stay in the kitchen while cooking. If you must leave, turn off the stove.
 - Encourage smokers to smoke outside. Always extinguish cigarettes in large, deep ashtrays that cannot be knocked over.
 - Check electrical cords for damage such as fraying or nicks. A damaged cord can expose wires and result in a potential shock or fire hazard.
2. **LISTEN** for the smoke alarms in an emergency. Make sure everyone knows the sound of the smoke alarms and can hear them in an emergency. Early **detection** of fire provided by smoke alarms gives you the extra seconds you need to get out safely.
3. **LEARN** two ways out of every room. Practice a **home fire escape plan** with everyone in your home before a fire starts so you and your family can get out quickly.

QUOTES

"Everyone has a responsibility to protect their family and home from fire. Prevention is always the best course of action. Identify potential fire hazards in your home and take action to make sure a fire doesn't start."

"Only working smoke alarms give you the early notification of fire and the time you and your family need to safely escape. Many fatal fires occur at night when everyone is asleep, so early warning is crucial to survival."

"Fire and smoke move faster than you. There is no time to figure out how to escape your home AFTER a fire starts. Practice a home fire escape plan BEFORE there's a fire so you can get out safely."

Fire Chief

Ken Raymond