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Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week

November 1 to 7

Know the symptoms, sources and how to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning



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Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week

Known as the invisible killer, carbon monoxide (CO) is a toxic gas you can't see or smell but can be harmful if you are exposed to it. When fuels such as natural gas, propane, wood, tobacco and gasoline burn incompletely, CO is released into the air, posing a significant risk to individuals and the firefighters who may be called in to respond.

According to the BC Coroners Service, there were nine CO-related deaths in 2021 and seven in 2022 so far. These deaths were unintentional and could have been prevented.

During Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week, November 1 to 7, fire departments, health and safety representatives, educators, governments and industries have an opportunity to work together to teach people about the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning, the symptoms and sources, and how to avoid becoming ill or worse.

For more information and to download social media graphics and safety brochures, or order "sorry we missed you" doorhangers, visit the Office of the Fire Commissioner's website:

www.gov.bc.ca/CarbonMonoxideAwareness

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THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION FUND

This Foundation Fund was established to help Firefighter's or their family members when needs arise. It has been used in the past to grant funds in the case of death in the family, severe illnesses, a need to travel for health care and so on. The Fund is maintained through donations of \$10 per firefighter per year. Membership is optional but is only open to those who are members of the Volunteer Firefighters Association of B.C. and a contributing member of the foundation fund.

To Become a member, you simply begin to send your \$10 per firefighter into the Volunteer Firefighters Foundation Fund at:

Volunteer Firefighters Foundation Fund:
C/O Volunteer Firefighters' Association of B.C.
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Claims are made through your local Fire Chief who can contacts:

PRESIDENT: Dustin Curry
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And/Or

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Please note the administration of the fund is with the office of the Volunteer Firefighters Association of B.C. in Duncan, B.C. Mail: 921 Jubilee Street, Duncan, B.C., V9L 1Y2

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Volunteer Firefighters Foundation Fund - 2022

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FireSmart B.C. welcomes new mascot

Ember the FireSmart Fox

March 31, 2021 10:00 ET | Source: [FireSmart BC](https://www.firesmartbc.ca)



Victoria, BC, March 31, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [FireSmart](https://www.firesmartbc.ca), the national program committed to helping Canadians reduce their wildfire risk, is pleased to introduce [Ember the FireSmart Fox](https://www.firesmartbc.ca/ember) as its new national mascot. The fox mascot was named after holding a contest that received over 500 submissions from across the country. Arlene S. from Swansea Point, BC submitted the winning name, Ember.

"My choice of Ember as the FireSmart fox came from the fact that it only takes an ember to start a fire," said Arlene, who is a FireSmart representative for her community. "An ember can turn from a smoldering ground fire to a forest fire in moments."

Ember, of the red fox species, will serve as an effective messenger because of her unique characteristics, which include alertness, adaptability, intelligence and community mindedness. Her primary job is to teach people how to apply FireSmart principles to homes, properties, neighbourhoods, communities and the wider landscape. As wildfire season approaches, Ember will become a key part of FireSmart messages, activities and events throughout BC.

With the introduction of Ember, FireSmart BC will retire Smokey Bear, the U.S. wildfire prevention icon. Smokey has been an excellent advocate for wildfire prevention for more than 70 years, but a variety of factors have contributed to the need for a new FireSmart messenger to support modern ideas around the role of fire in Canada.

"In an effort to spread awareness about our brand and programs, we've worked with FireSmart Canada to develop a fox mascot to help further engage and connect with the public," says Kelsey Winter, FireSmart BC program lead and chair of the BC FireSmart Committee. "Ember will serve as a key tool to help us communicate to BC residents the importance of adopting FireSmart principles and best practices."

FireSmart BC is a partner of FireSmart Canada, which leads development of resources and programs designed to empower the public and increase community resilience to wildfire across Canada.

Learn more about Ember at www.firesmartbc.ca/ember



Applications for the position of Executive Director are being accepted.

The position of Executive Director for the Volunteer Firefighters of B.C. and the Volunteer Firefighters Foundations fund will be available starting May of 2022. This position is responsible for the day-to-day workings of the association and foundation fund. Applicants should have a broad knowledge of the volunteer fire service in B.C. and be able to communicate with members and prospective members about the association and other questions that may impact the operation of their departments. Applicants should have a knowledge of financial management and accounting, good computer skills, good communications skills, the ability to plan and record meetings, other skills to enhance the operation of the associations.

This position is open to members of VFABC departments or retired or Honorary/Life members that still want to be involved with service the fire service. For further information contact Art Sanderson at 250 710 5395. Applications should be sent to President Dustin Curry at trfire@dtr.ca

Accepting applications for the soon to be vacant Lower Mainland Director position

Should be an active member of a fire department in good standing with the Association. Interested in promoting the volunteer fire service. Willing to be involved to improve, support and maintain the Association. Also be willing to sit on committees that may be struck by the Association, Provincial Government or any other agency that would involve the Association. Attend Association meetings, communicate with members of the Association and member fire departments. Promote the association to volunteer fire departments throughout the region. If interested please contact our President Dustin Curry: trfire@dtr.ca

Accepting applications for the Thompson/Okanagan Director position

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Office of the
Fire Commissioner
Emergency Management BC



September 28, 2022

**Announcement from the Office of the Fire Commissioner:
Release of the British Columbia Structure Firefighter Minimum Training Standards**

The British Columbia Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) is pleased to announce the release of the updated *British Columbia Structure Firefighter Minimum Training Standards* (Training Standards). To complete this work, the OFC engaged with fire services partners, the Union of BC Municipalities, Indigenous Services Canada, and the Local Government Management Association. The development and release of the Training Standards would not have been possible without the efforts and support of fire services organizations across British Columbia.

The Training Standards replace the *2015 British Columbia Fire Service Minimum Training Standards; Structure Firefighters Competency and Training Playbook*. They have been updated to the relevant National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards; reference the relevant statutes and regulations; clarify service level scope and definition; and provide more detailed definitions of fire scene operation roles and functions.

Funding to support the implementation of the Training Standards is available through the Province's Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF). Local governments and First Nations are eligible for all CEPF funding streams. Legally incorporated society-run fire departments and improvement districts are also eligible. I encourage you to access the [2022 Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training](#) funding stream, which has a commitment of approximately \$5 million. The application deadline for this funding is **October 21, 2022**.

The Training Standards are posted on the OFC website:

[Structure firefighter minimum training standards](#)

The Training Standards are fundamental to our efforts in working together to enhance the safety of the public and our first responders.

Please contact Craig Richardson, Fire Service Training Specialist (Craig.R.Richardson@gov.bc.ca); or your regional Fire Services Advisor if you have questions or require further information about the Training Standards.

Best regards,

Brian Godlonton

Fire Commissioner, Office of the Fire Commissioner
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FOR RELEASE AFTER MARCH 26, 2022

SD46 Junior Firefighter Academy a Blazing Success

Sechelt, BC: On March 26, ten students from School District 46 completed the inaugural Junior Firefighter Academy at the Sechelt Fire Department's training facility on Mason Rd. The "Cadets" demonstrated their newly learned firefighting and auto-extrication techniques in front of friends and family at the site which was followed by an award ceremony and food.

The skills demonstrated were part of the whole program which had the students complete physical testing, resume writing and a panel interview beforehand. "We really wanted the students to have a fulfilling and memorable experience" says Steven Achterberg, one of the Academy's coordinators, "and we couldn't have provided it without the generous support we received". Vancouver Fire Department, Wholesale Fire and Rescue Ltd, Clayton's Heritage Market, and Unifor Local 1119 donated gear, accessories, food and a generous sum of capital to ensure the program was well-equipped to deliver on its promise of being unforgettable.

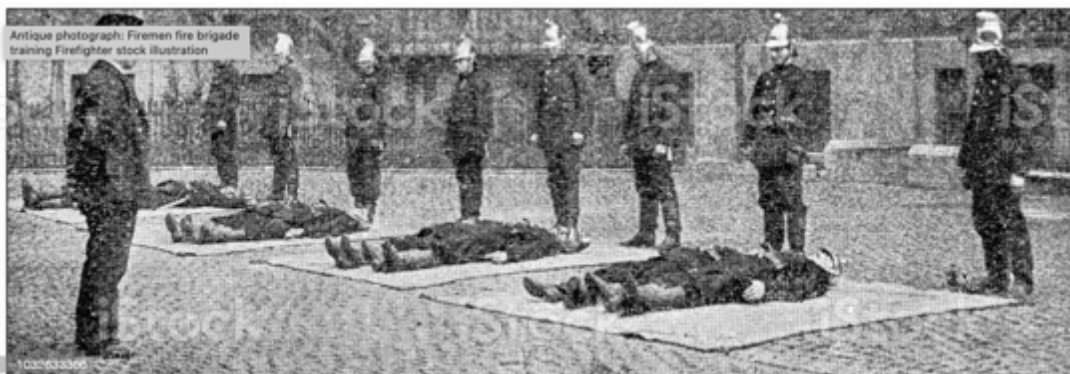
Cadets spent five days learning theory and practical skills in: personal protective equipment, breathing apparatus, fire extinguishers, search techniques, fire suppression, and auto-extrication; taught by local instructors who donated their time and knowledge. The last three days of instruction were completed at the Coastal Fire Base in collaboration with BC Wildfire where the Cadets walked away with a number of certifications that will be an asset to future careers in wildland firefighting. "I am always excited to introduce firefighting to the newest generation of caring public, and help them grow and develop until they eventually surpass the threshold that we currently see as the industry's highest standard", Stephen Gemmell, Wildfire Technician.

Due to the blazing success of the Academy, organizers look forward to seeing it grow in popularity and be one of the premiere work-experience programs available to grade 11 and 12 students on the Sunshine Coast.

<https://www.secheltfiredepartment.ca/2022-junior-ff-academy/>

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The SD46 Junior Firefighter Academy is a program offered to grade 11 and 12 students to complete their work-experience requirements to graduate. This program is a collaboration of efforts from School District 46, BC Forests, Lands and Natural Resources and the Sechelt Fire Department with support from other local departments.





Meet Station #6 Paid-On-Call Captain Mike Patrick.

Mike is actually one of Kamloops Fire Rescue's longest-serving members, he's been with KFR for over 30 years!!!

As a Paid-On-Call member, Mike has lived in Barnhartvale since late 1991 and has been a member of Station #6 for almost that entire time, he is now the leader of the 15-person crew that serves Dallas and Barnhartvale. He recently organized their annual Open House at the Dallas Firehall, giving "Dal-Vale" residents the chance to come out and learn a few things about firefighting.

Having been in Kamloops since 1980, Mike lives with his wife and son in Barnhartvale, and enjoys getting out to hunt and fish on days off.

Station 6 started out as the Dallas Barnhartvale Fire Department, and it was built with community fundraising and staffed by volunteers. In the early 1970's Dallas and Barnhartvale was amalgamated into the City of Kamloops, Station 6 has been with us ever since.

Station 6 is a fully "Paid-On-Call" Firehall, which means it is not staffed with any full-time firefighters. When an emergency incident occurs in Dallas or Barnhartvale, any available POC firefighters are paged out from home. They then drive to the Dallas Firehall, jump on Engine 6, and respond to the call. Since availability (especially during the day when many POC Firefighters are at their regular jobs) is not guaranteed, Engine 3 is also dispatched from the Firehall in Valleyview.

Thank you, and Congratulations to Mike Patrick for his many years of service to his community!

Kamloops Fire Rescue/Facebook

Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.



PICKING THE TREE

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.



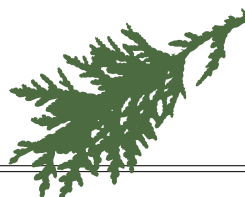
PLACING THE TREE

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 5 centimetres from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least one metre away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



LIGHTING THE TREE

- Use lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.



After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.

Check with your local community to find a recycling program.

Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

FACTS

- ! **One** of every three home Christmas tree fires is caused by electrical problems.
- ! Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- ! A heat source too close to the tree causes roughly **one in every four** of the fires.



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Fort Fraser



Fort Fraser Volunteer Fire Department recently took possession of a new Pierce Fire Engine from Commercial Emergency Equipment. This is the first time in their history that they have received a brand new truck. They recently held an open house and invited the Community to partake in the ceremony and help push the truck into the hall.



Fort Fraser Fire Department is in the Buckley Nichako Regional District and is located near the geographical center of British Columbia, at the base of Fraser Mountain. It is close to Fraser Lake and the Nechako River. Nearby communities include [Vanderhoof](#) 38 km (23 mi) to the east and [Burns Lake](#) 91 km (56 mi) to the west on the Yellowhead Highway 16.

Save Your Home and Pet with Stove Safety Knobs

A dog that is big enough to steal the last piece of pizza off a counter is also big enough to turn on a stove.

Touch controls and knobs can inadvertently be activated by curious pets. That's exactly what happened recently in Kansas City, Missouri. According to DogTime.com, the homeowners left a pan with grease in it on the stove the night before. Their two dogs stood on their back legs to take a look. One of the dog's paws activated a touchscreen button for the stove. In short order, the kitchen filled with smoke and a full fire began. Both pets and humans got out safely.

It isn't as rare as it may seem. According to the National Fire Protection Association, pets accidentally start nearly 1,000 home fires each year.

There are a number of safety devices for pet and child-proofing stoves, among them stove knob covers and clips. You can also buy knobs that have to be squeezed from both sides in order to turn on. Touchscreen devices have lockouts that can prevent accidental activation.

Cats are also to blame for incidents of house fires. In Seoul, South Korea, fire officials report that cats alone were responsible for 107 fires from January 2019 to November 2021. The culprit again was paws on stove or hot plate controls.

Sadly, every year 40,000 pets die in home fires. To save your pet and home, install safety knobs and keep flammable papers and substances away from the stove.



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FAQs

Where can carbon monoxide come from?

- Furnaces, gas ranges/stoves, gas clothes dryers, water heaters, portable fuel-burning space heaters and stoves, fireplaces, generators and wood-burning stoves
- Vehicles, generators and other combustion engines running in an attached garage or other enclosed space
- Blocked chimney or flue, or blocked furnace/appliance exhaust vents
- Cracked or loose furnace exchanger
- BBQs and grills

How do I prevent CO poisoning from happening?

- Never operate fuel-burning tools, appliances, machines or rescue equipment indoors and in enclosed spaces, or near the ventilation intake areas of a building. Examples include generators, propane heaters or BBQs or running vehicles inside a closed or partially enclosed garage.
- Ensure fuel-burning appliances such as gas furnaces, boilers, etc. are properly vented and regularly maintained by qualified service personnel. The same goes for trucks and vehicles.
- Early detection of CO is vital to preventing poisoning. Since CO is odourless and colourless, CO monitors are recommended for any facility or vehicle.

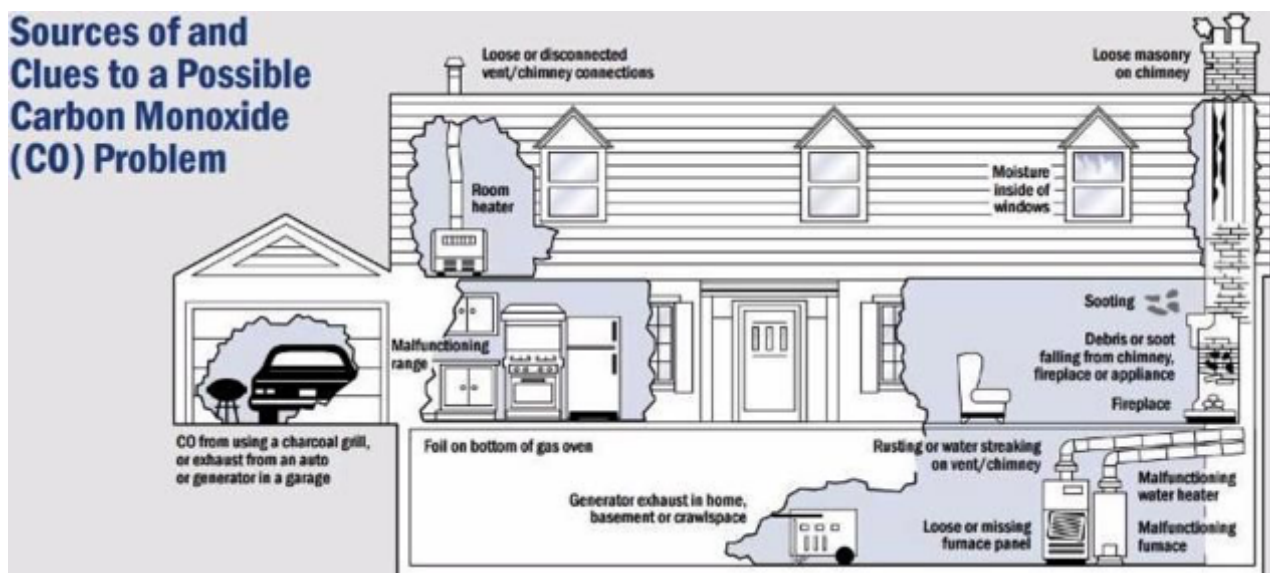
What should you do if your CO alarm sounds?

- Under no circumstance should a CO alarm be ignored! Move to fresh air immediately, especially if anyone is experiencing symptoms.

What happens if someone is exposed to carbon monoxide?

- Carbon monoxide inhibits the blood's capacity to carry oxygen and can cause health problems before people even notice it's present.

Sources and Clues to a Possible Carbon Monoxide (CO) Problem





Carbon Monoxide Alarms Talking Points

USE THESE TALKING POINTS as a guide to help you stay on message when talking with local media outlets and making presentations to community groups.

- CO is called the invisible killer because you cannot see CO or smell it. This poisonous gas can come from many sources, including cars, malfunctioning fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, ranges, water heaters and room heaters; and engine-powered equipment such as portable generators. Burning charcoal in fireplaces or in barbeque grills inside a home, or in semi-enclosed areas can also result in lethal carbon monoxide levels. Sustained exposure to high levels of CO can quickly incapacitate and kill you.



- **Never ignore** a CO alarm when it sounds. Get outside immediately, and call 911 from a fresh-air location. The emergency responders and fire department will provide information for safe home re-entry. If you live in an area without access to 911, call your fire department.

- Make sure to have working CO alarms in the home on every level and outside each separate sleeping area. CO alarms are designed to alarm before potentially life-threatening levels of carbon monoxide are reached.
- If you choose a plug-in type CO alarm, make sure that the alarm also has battery backup. This ensures that the CO alarm will continue to work if the electricity goes out, which is particularly important in many situations when portable generators are used. Replace batteries in alarms according to the manufacturer's recommendations. Test alarms once a month to make sure they are working.
- Almost all homes have at least one smoke alarm. However, carbon monoxide alarms are much less common.
- CO alarms have varied expiration dates, but if unsure, consider replacing it. Many newer CO alarms now have end-of-life indicators. Replace all CO alarms according to manufacturer's instructions, or when the end-of-life signal sounds.
- At low levels, CO poisoning symptoms can include dizziness, headache or flu-like symptoms. At high levels, victims can have mental confusion, vomiting, and they can die. At extremely high levels, it is possible to lose consciousness suddenly without experiencing less severe symptoms.
- Proper installation, operation, and maintenance of fuel-burning appliances in the home is the most important factor in reducing the risk of CO poisoning.
- Make sure appliances are installed and operated according to the manufacturer's instructions and local building codes. Most appliances should be installed by qualified professionals.
- Consumers should have their heating system inspected by a qualified professional and serviced every year to make sure the system is working properly. Inspections should also include checking for proper exhaust ventilation through vents chimneys and flues.
- Portable generators must be operated outside only. Never operate one inside a home, garage, basement, crawlspace, shed, or in a semi-enclosed space like a porch close to the house. Keep generators, as well as any other equipment with an engine in it, at least 6 metres away from the house. Poisonous carbon monoxide from portable generators can kill you and your family in minutes.



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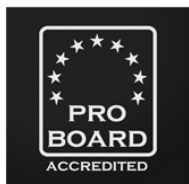
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Jake Jacobson, the original developer of the course in 2006, is a 35-year veteran of the Salmon Arm F.D., a 37-year BCWS Fire Warden and a member of the CSRD's SPU team for the past 9 years.



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Male: _____ Female: _____

Funding Body: _____

(Regional District/Municipal/Improvement District/Society Only)



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Address: _____
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