

# Public Service Announcement

# Fire Prevention Week 2021

**Start Date:** October 4, 2021

**End Date:**     **October 9, 2021**

## Nunavut-wide

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Fire Prevention Week is from October 3 to 9, 2021. This year's theme is "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety".

Is there a beep or a chirp coming out of your smoke or carbon monoxide alarm? If so, do you know what it means? Knowing the difference can save you, your home, and your family. It is important that everyone in the home understands the sounds of the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and knows how to respond.

The Nunavut Fire Marshal's Office would like to remind Nunavummiut of the following home fire safety tips for smoke and carbon monoxide alarms:

- A continued set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire. Get out, call your local fire department, and stay out.
- A continuous set of four loud beeps—beep, beep, beep, beep—means carbon monoxide is present in your home. Get outside, call your local fire department, and stay out.
- A single “chirp” every 30-60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

Students from kindergarten to Grade 9 are also invited to take part in the annual Fire Prevention Week colouring and poster design contest. Please contact your local school for more information on how to enter.

Being prepared can save your life. During Fire Prevention Week, talk to your family and children about fire safety at home and in your community.

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