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Now available! Fire Department offers new home safety fire inspection program

The Campbell River Fire Department has begun a new home safety fire inspection program.

"Starting this month, we're offering a brand new program for people living in the City of Campbell River fire protection area. Call us to make an appointment for a home safety fire inspection," says deputy fire chief Chris Vrabel. *"By request, fire suppression crews will visit homes and provide recommendations about smoke alarms, cooking, electrical systems, candles and other general fire safety information."*

As part of the home safety fire inspection program, fire fighters will provide occupants with fire safety literature, answer questions residents may have regarding fire prevention and fire protection in the City of Campbell River fire protection area and ensure the home is protected by a smoke alarm.

Since 2009, it has been regular practice for crews to provide a working smoke alarms or fresh battery when they find a home unprotected by a smoke alarm during the course of their duties.

"In BC, Alberta and Ontario, the statistics reveal that 64 per cent of dwellings have not had working smoke alarms when a fire has occurred. By not following the required legislation in BC, people are putting themselves, their families, or their tenants at risk," says fire chief Ian Baikie. *"A smoke alarm is a potential life-saver. In three recent fires in Campbell River saw the occupants in the homes alerted to the presence of fire in their homes by a working smoke alarm, giving them adequate time to safely escape."*

The current B.C. Building Code requires that at least one smoke alarm be installed in a residence:

- on each floor level without sleeping room
- inside each sleeping room
- between sleeping room(s) and the remainder of the storey
- in a hallway serving sleeping rooms

To request a home safety fire inspection appointment, please call the fire department at 250-286-6266.

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