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Close call for family in Willow Point neighbourhood

No injuries were reported, but three occupants were forced to vacate a Willow Point residence on Sept.8 due to a reported fire inside a single family dwelling.

Fire crews responded at 8:15 p.m. and arrived at the home near Willow Point Park to find the homeowner had managed to suppress the fire using a fire extinguisher.

“Unfortunately the house was filled with a combination of smoke and dry chemical powder, but damage from the actual fire was limited to a small area,” says deputy fire chief Chris Vrabel. *“The people will not be able to return to the residence until the insurance and restoration company representatives have had the opportunity to clean up and repair the damage.”*

The fire was caused by combustible wood furniture placed too close to an electric heating unit.

“The fire department reminds citizens that the heating season is now upon us, and homeowners or occupants should ensure that all heating appliances (electric, oil, gas and wood), plus associated chimneys or vents, are serviced and ready for the winter,” Vrabel adds. *“To reduce the chance of a fire starting, residents should pay particular attention to the distance of combustibles such as curtains and furniture to heating appliances, and ensure that there is enough distance for adequate airflow.”*

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