

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2021****Fire Prevention week – Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety**

The Campbell River Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) – the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years – to promote this year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign, “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety.” This year’s campaign, Oct. 3 to 9, works to educate everyone about simple, important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

*“Is there a beep or a chirp coming out of your smoke or carbon monoxide alarm? What do the sounds mean? Knowing the difference can save you, your home, and your family,”* says Lorraine Carli, vice-president of outreach and advocacy at NFPA.

The Campbell River Fire Department encourages all residents to embrace the 2021 Fire Prevention Week theme.

*“It’s important to learn the different sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. When an alarm makes a noise – a beeping sound or a chirping sound – you must take action!”* says Thomas Doherty, fire chief. *“Make sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond. To learn the sounds of your specific smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, check the manufacturer’s instructions that came in the box, or search the brand and model online.”*

The Campbell River Fire Department wants to share safety tips to help you “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety”:

- A continuous set of three loud beeps – beep, beep, beep – means smoke or fire. Get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed. Change batteries at least once a year.
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means that the alarm unit must be replaced.
- Make sure your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms meet the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

To learn more about Fire Prevention Week, visit [www.fpw.org](http://www.fpw.org), and follow [@cityofcampbellriver](https://www.facebook.com/cityofcampbellriver) on Facebook for regular fire safety tips.

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