

# Fire Prevention Week 2021 - October 3 to 9



This year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety.™", aims to help students understand the different sounds smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make, and what to do in each circumstance. It's important that when an alarm makes noises – a beeping sound or a chirping sound – that everyone takes action. Knowing the difference can save you, your family and your home.

Check out the Langley City Fire Rescue "Name that Fire Safety Sound!" video. Play along with the Firefighters to learn the important sounds of fire safety and to know how to respond should you hear them! Follow the City's [Langley City Youtube Page](#), the [Langley City Fire Rescue Facebook Page](#), and the [City's Facebook Page](#)

For more information to help you, your family and loved ones learn together about fire safety, particularly the sounds of fire safety, check out [www.FPW.org](http://www.FPW.org)

Here are some tips to get started:

- 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.
- Most smoke alarms expire after 10 years and carbon monoxide detectors expire after 7 years. Be sure to check the manufacturers guidelines for expiry dates of each device.
- 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.
- Make sure your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms meet the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

Fire Prevention Week is also a great time to discuss fire and burn prevention with your friends and family. Take the opportunity to test your smoke alarms and replace them if they aren't working or have expired. You can practise your home escape plan or create one if you haven't yet.

Be sure to check out the Fire Prevention Week contest at [www.gov.bc.ca/FirePreventionWeek](http://www.gov.bc.ca/FirePreventionWeek) for opportunities for students in B.C. to win some fantastic prizes.

Remember, fire safety starts with you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brent Perry'.

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