

**BRADFORD WEST GWILLIMBURY  
FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**HOME FIRE SAFETY  
&  
SMOKE ALARM PROGRAM**

Our goal at Bradford West Gwillimbury Fire and Emergency Services is to ensure that all our residents are living in a Fire Safe environment. This goal can only be achieved with your co-operation and assistance. The purpose of this pamphlet is to help educate the people in our community about Fire Safety. As always we will come to you home free of charge and conduct a home inspection, point out any fire hazards and how to correct them.

Our main focus will be to ensure that you have working smoke alarms. The Ontario Fire Code, Section 2.13 states that all houses must have smoke alarms outside any sleeping areas. We strongly recommend that you have at least one smoke alarm on every level of your house and depending on the layout, possibly more. The early detection and warning that a smoke alarm gives to your family is a vital part of surviving a fire in your home. Along with smoke alarms you should have a Fire Escape Plan and practice it regularly. Children are taught this at school but most Fire fatalities occur in the home. Knowing what to do and when could save your life and others.

Smoke Alarms, Carbon Monoxide Detectors and General Fire Safety Information can be obtained by visiting the Fire Hall at 75 Melbourne Drive between 8:00 am and midnight, Monday to Friday. If you would like to arrange for a free home inspection please contact us at 905 775-7311.

**GENERAL FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION**

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| <b>*test your smoke alarm weekly</b>       | <b>*change the batteries twice a year</b>          |
| <b>*vacuum your smoke alarm monthly</b>    | <b>*keep a portable fire extinguisher handy</b>    |
| <b>*install a carbon monoxide detector</b> | <b>*keep matches &amp; lighters away from kids</b> |
| <b>*clean your chimney annually</b>        | <b>*never leave a burning candle unattended</b>    |

**Develop a Home Fire Escape Plan and practice it regularly. Establish a meeting place outside where everyone knows where to go in case of fire. This is imperative for accountability and your assurance that all are safe.**

**REMEMBER**

If you detect FIRE in your home  
GET OUT fast and go to your meeting place  
NEVER go back inside

CALL 9-1-1

*Ensure your civic address and/or Green Sign address is in place and easily seen for all responding Emergency Vehicles*