

## **FIRE SAFETY TIPS**

### **Be Fire Safe Outside:**

- Regularly perform a general outdoor cleanup around your home.
- Remove and dispose of logs, needles, twigs and shrubs that encourage fire to spread on the ground and up to your house.
- Keep firewood piles at least 10 metres from your home.
- Never leave your campfire unattended.
- Put your campfire out with water before going to sleep or leaving your campground.

### **Smoke Alarms:**

- The quickest way to react to fire is by using smoke alarms.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are in working order.
- Install one on each level of your house and one in each bedroom.
- Test them every month and vacuum regularly to keep them free from dust.
- If they are battery operated, store extra batteries and change at least once a year.
- On your calendar circle the month you change your battery and cross off each month as you test your alarms.
- This will make sure everyone gets out fast and safe.

### **If Fire Breaks Out:**

- Shout "Fire" - alert everyone - don't panic
- Get everyone out fast - close doors and don't take time to dress.
- Stay close to children and the elderly - they may get excited or confused.
- Make sure no one re-enters the building.
- Call the Fire Department from a neighbour's telephone.

### **In Apartment Buildings:**

- Use stairways only - don't use elevators as you may get trapped.
- If fire or smoke prevent your escape: keep doors closed
- If necessary place wet towels or blankets around openings
- Get out on balcony or beside open window
- Signal for help
- Call the Fire Department if you can
- Give full address, your floor number and apartment number.

### **Clothing Fires:**

- Smother the fire - don't run as it spread the flames.
- Make the person lie down and roll him in blanket or coat.
- Gently beat fire out.

### **Cooking Fires:**

- Turn off heat - never leave pan unattended.
- Smother fire with tight-fitting lid - or use fire extinguisher.
- Do not use water on grease fires.
- Watch your clothes.
- Never carry a burning pan.