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Reminder to Residents

With the occurrence of three recent fire events in the City of Parksville, we wish to remind residents, it is the basics that save lives, prevent injury and help protect property:

- Working smoke alarms save lives through timely warning of a fire. The emphasis here is on working – working smoke alarms. Smoke is highly toxic and a killer.
- Fire sprinklers save lives by keeping fires small, reducing smoke generation and providing time for escape. We are fortunate to have a sprinkler enhancement in Parksville through the City's building bylaw.
- Maintenance of fire safety systems is critical, along with knowledge of the systems in your home and work. It is important to always take a fire alarm seriously.

Residents are reminded to be cautious with combustible solids and liquids:

- When cleaning ash and debris from your fireplace or wood stove, use a metal container and do not leave it inside or on combustible surfaces such as an exterior wooden deck. Ash may contain embers which can reignite.
- Do not misuse liquid fuels. We become complacent to the dangers of common fuels such as gasoline. Gasoline can be quite hazardous and produce severe burns if misused.

It is critical to call 911 to report a fire emergency as soon as it is safe and possible to do so. Do not assume someone else has called 911 and please do not post to social media first.

Much more information at parksvillefirerescue.ca. The website also has information about the department's recruitment campaign now underway. Residents are encouraged to contact Parksville Fire with fire and life safety questions.

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