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Fire won't wait. Plan your escape Plan and practise your escape during Fire Prevention Week

Georgina, ON – Georgina Fire and Rescue Services is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9 to 15, 2022. This year's campaign, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape," works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from home fires. Georgina Fire and Rescue Services encourages all residents to embrace the 2022 Fire Prevention Week theme.

"Today's homes burn faster than ever. You may have as little as two minutes, or even less time, to escape a home fire from the time the smoke alarm sounds. It's important for everyone to plan and practise a home fire escape. Everyone needs to be prepared in advance, so they know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds. Given that every home is different, every home fire escape plan will also be different," said Fire Chief Ron Jenkins. "Have a plan for everyone in the home. Children, older adults and people with disabilities may need assistance to wake up and get out. Make sure that someone will help them."

Georgina Fire and Rescue Services offers these key home fire escape planning tips:

- Make sure your plan meets the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
- Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of your home.
- Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows open easily.
- Have an outside meeting place a safe distance from your home where everyone should meet.
- Practise your home fire drill at least twice a year with everyone in the household, including guests. Practise at least once during the day and at night.

Georgina Fire and Rescue Services is hosting its annual Open House at the Sutton Fire Hall, 37 Snooks Rd., on Sept. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in support of the Fire Prevention Week campaign. The event will include a free barbecue, interactive stations and various community partners. Visit georgina.ca/fire for more information.

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