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**Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety™ during Fire Prevention Week  
(October 3-9)**

*(Barrie, ON)* – During this year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign, themed: “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety™,” Barrie Fire & Emergency Service challenges residents to test their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and learn about the different sounds the alarms make.

“All too often, fires in our city happen in homes where there were no working smoke alarms,” said Fire Chief Cory Mainprize. “Knowing what to do when an alarm sounds can help keep you and your family safe. When an alarm makes noise—a beeping sound or a chirping sound—you must take action.”

During Fire Prevention Week, residents are encouraged to take simple but important actions to ensure their alarms are in working order, and learn the sounds their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms can make:

- Test your alarms. Alarms should be tested monthly to become familiar with the sound they make and to ensure the batteries work.
- Replace the batteries if the alarms do not sound when the test button is pushed. If the alarms still don’t sound, replace the alarms.
- Take immediate action if your alarms sound. If the alarms “beep” in an emergency, get everyone out of the home. If the alarms “chirp,” replace the batteries or alarms immediately.
- Know where alarms are needed. By law, every Ontario home must have a working smoke alarm on every storey and outside all sleeping areas.

For more information on Fire Prevention Week and other fire safety tips, visit [barrie.ca/FPW](http://barrie.ca/FPW).

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