

Fire Safety Tips – Podcast Transcript

Reporter Script:

Fire can strike anytime so it's important to be aware of the risks that contribute to fire incidents. For example, while we all enjoy the ambience and warmth created by open pit fires in our back yard, wood burning stove or fire place, these activities can be dangerous. Wood stoves, fireplaces, and space heaters--pose a serious fire hazard year round and are the cause of 1 out of 7 home fires.

We all have a role to play in preventing fires. That's why the Aboriginal Firefighters' Association of Canada with the support of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada are teaming up on a year round **BeFireSafe** campaign to promote fire safety inside and outside of the home.

Blaine Wiggins, Executive Director of the Aboriginal Firefighters' Association of Canada says being prepared can make a difference between life and death.

Spokesperson Quote:

Fire prevention programs in Aboriginal communities can make a positive difference in reducing fire incidence, damage, and death. Following simple tips and ensuring that your household has a working smoke detector and a home escape plan will help ensure your family is prepared, safe and warm.

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Wiggins suggests:

- Installing smoke detectors on every level of your home just outside of bedrooms and don't forget to test them monthly and change the batteries once a year.
- and keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from any heat source or open flame.

For additional tips visit the [Aboriginal Firefighters Association of Canada](#) website.