Fire Safety is an important issue for everyone. Fires are responsible for a tragic number of deaths, injuries and millions of dollars in property damage and health care costs annually.

Despite the fact that most people will never face a major fire, you should not think that it won’t happen to you! Statistics show that you will be affected by fire three times over the course of your life, whether through personal experience or experiences of family and friends. Tragedy can be prevented by awareness and vigilance.

Here are some tips that can protect your home from fire.

- Don’t overload extension cords. Replace damaged extension cords and replace where needed.
- Be sure to test your smoke detectors if batteries need changing.
- Regularly check windows to ensure they open and close properly, in case they are needed as an exit.
- Never mix cleaning agents and store household chemicals that can’t be reached by small children.
- Avoid piling up old newspapers, magazines, and junk mail inside your home. These paper items can contribute to the severity and spread of fire.
- Always keep stairs and landings clear for safe evacuation in event of a fire.

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Health and Safety is a priority at BCIT. OHS newsletters contain monthly first aid statistics, compliance concerns, and updates of new legislation and interest articles.
Propane BBQ Tips

Backyard meals on the barbecue are just one of Canada's summertime passions. Propane is an efficient, economical and popular source of fuel for most outdoor grills. Even though propane is generally considered safe, it needs to be handled with care.

Tips for the proper use of propane barbecues

- Cylinders have to be replaced every 10 years. The date the cylinder was last qualified can be found on the collar of the tank.
- Transport cylinders in an upright position.
- Store cylinders outdoors, off the ground on a fireproof base.
- Keep out of the reach of children.
- Never smoke near a propane tank.
- Inspect the propane cylinder and replace if rusty or damaged.
- All hoses and joints should be carefully looked at to ensure there are no leaks where gas can escape. Leaks, if ignited can send out huge flames.

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The chart indicates the number of injuries from each person type (Student, Employee, Contractor), and the proportion of injuries for each school.

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