



# INFORMATION RELEASE

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## Parksville Fire Annual Open House - October 5

Parksville Volunteer Fire Department members will host their annual fire prevention week open house on Sunday, October 5 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Parksville Fire training grounds, 1159 Franklin's Gull Road.

The event is a great opportunity for residents to learn about fire safety including home fire sprinklers, smoke alarms and home escape plans. There will be educational displays and interactive activities where you will learn how to use a fire extinguisher, how to perform CPR, try hose and target practice, and a kids' bunker gear challenge.

At 1.30 pm, there will be a live burn demonstration featuring a side-by-side burn with two similarly furnished rooms; one protected with fire sprinklers and the other without fire sprinklers. The demonstration shows how quickly a fire can become deadly versus the quick response and effectiveness of a fire sprinkler system in controlling or extinguishing a fire.

Fire prevention week is recognized by the National Fire Protection Association from October 5 to October 11 and this year's theme is **"Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home"** to help educate about using these batteries safely. Key safety tips for residents from Parksville Fire:

- Purchase and install only batteries with an approved safety certification mark such as ULC or CSA.
- Always use the cords, charger and accessories that come with the product for charging. Follow all manufacturers' instructions for use and charging. Place your device on a hard surface when charging and do not overcharge. Unplug or remove the battery from your device when it is fully charged.
- Repairs or maintenance to your device should only be done by an authorized repair facility. Batteries should not be thrown into trash or regular recycling because they could start a fire. Visit [recycleyourbatteries.ca/](http://recycleyourbatteries.ca/) to find a recycling spot near you.

### OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 5, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Parksville Fire training grounds, 1159 Franklin's Gull Road. Live burn demonstration at 1.30 pm.

### RECRUITMENT

Planning has begun for 2026 recruitment; we are seeking volunteer paid on-call firefighters. Stop by Parksville Fire Rescue, call 250 248-3242 or visit [parksvillefirerescue.ca](http://parksvillefirerescue.ca) for more info.

### MORE INFO

Contact Parksville Fire Rescue at 250 248-3242 for info about Parksville activities. For general information about fire prevention and the week, visit [nfpa.org/fpw](http://nfpa.org/fpw), [sparky.org](http://sparky.org) and [parksvillefirerescue.ca](http://parksvillefirerescue.ca).

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home to the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the Qualicum First Nation.*

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