

Monthly Safety Newsletter



FOREST FIRES

We are not blowing smoke about this important safety information!

The late summer introduces an increased risk of forest fires in Canada. Being surrounded by forest, Nipissing takes forest fires seriously and takes regular steps to keep you safe. Here is how we can all remain safer during forest fire season:

STRENGTH IN COMMUNITY

- Nipissing collaborates with local groups and stakeholders during emergencies.
- We rely on the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit for information on the local Air Quality Health Index (AQHI).
- The provincial government regularly updates its Forest Fire Info Map for near-real-time data on new and active fires across the region.
- Keep yourself informed on and respect all local fire bans.

PROACTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE

- Nipissing remains prepared to address campus emergencies through initiation of our Emergency Management Plan.
- Do not be alarmed if you smell forest fire smoke! Our institutional HVAC systems filter out harmful particulates and are capable of air recycling and exclusion mechanisms in extreme air quality scenarios.
- The HVAC systems undergo regular maintenance and optimization.

PLAN ACCORDINGLY

- During high-risk AQHI conditions, it is recommended that you should:
 - avoid spending a prolonged period of time outdoors, or
 - avoid undertaking strenuous activities outdoors.



WORKER'S RIGHTS

KNOW

You have the right to know about health and safety matters in the workplace.

PARTICIPATE

You have the right to participate in conversations and decisions that could affect your health and safety in the workplace.

REFUSE

You have the right to refuse work that could affect your health and safety in the workplace.

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