



STRONG for YOU

January 24, 2024

The Hamilton Fire Department (HFD) is working with our community partner, the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board (HWCDSD), to launch the 2024 HFD **Fire Safety First** program. As part of the 2024 HFD **Fire Safety First** program, fire safety messaging will be provided for distribution at the beginning of each month, February through June 2024. The 2024 **Fire Safety First** program is an expansion of the previous HFD Fire Safety Fridays initiative formerly conducted over 10 consecutive weeks in the Spring.

The 2024 HFD **Fire Safety First** program fire safety messages and the affiliated content are derived from the Hamilton Fire Department, the Office of the Ontario Fire Marshal, the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs and the National Fire Prevention Association.

We would sincerely appreciate HWCDSD school engagement including distribution of the HFD Fire Safety First messages as follows:

- Communication by the school during their morning PA announcement, on or near the first day of the month.
- Included in the school's electronic newsletter sent home to parents/caregivers.
- Posted on the HWCDSD and / or individual school Twitter account (image attached).
- Posted on the HWCDSD and / or individual school web page.

We hope that, by working together, we can support a collective effort to prevent emergencies, protect people and their property when emergencies occur and help the City of Hamilton be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

Thank you, again, for your support. The February 2024 Fire Safety First message is:

Smoke Alarms - If the smoke alarm sounds – BEEP! BEEP! BEEP! – stop what you are doing, get outside and stay outside until a grown up says it's safe to go back in.

Child activity: Easy - https://sparky.org/assets/uploads/Connect_Dots_easy.pdf

Hard - <https://sparky.org/assets/uploads/connect-dots-hard.pdf>

Caregiver information: [Smoke Alarms & Carbon Monoxide Alarms | City of Hamilton](#)

Respectfully,

Hamilton Fire Department, Fire Prevention Division – Schools and Community Engagement