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**May 9, 2023**

## FIRE BAN ISSUED FOR THE TOWN OF WHITECOURT

Submitted by Town of Whitecourt

In consideration of current weather conditions, Whitecourt has instituted a full fire ban, effective immediately. No

fire permits will be issued, and all existing fire permits will be suspended until conditions improve within Whitecourt and the Whitecourt Forest Area.

The fire ban includes the following but is not limited to:

- Backyard firepits,
- Campground firepits,
- All open burning,
- Consumer fireworks,
- Flame propelled floating lanterns,

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## AHS RESPONDS TO PROVINCIAL WILDFIRES

Submitted by Alberta Health Services

Alberta Health Services (AHS), with the help of our EMS teams, have evacuated several healthcare sites in

response to evacuation orders issued due to the current wildfire risk. The health and safety of patients and staff remains AHS' top priority. We are continuously monitoring the wildfire

situation and continue to work closely with our community partners.

Evacuated acute care patients, long-term care and continuing care

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## VOTER INFORMATION FOR ELECTORS DISPLACED BY WILDFIRES

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Ensuring that every voter in Alberta has an opportunity to cast their ballot in

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Elections Alberta is closely monitoring the wildfires and evacuations that are

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## Fire Ban Issued For The Town Of Whitecourt

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- Charcoal briquettes, including meat smokers,
- Turkey fryers,
- Tiki torches.

Allowed for use during the fire ban:

- CSA approved or ULC certified gas or propane barbeques used for cooking,

• Propane and natural gas fire pits,

- Catalytic or infrared-style heaters,

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## JOKE of the week

Man overboard

A gawky lad from New England came to New York with his girl, and took her to nearby Playland Amusement Park. They had heard a lot about the Tunnel of Love and were especially anxious to try it out. But when they got home, the kids expressed disappointment.

"Shucks," the boy said, "it was dark and damp and uncomfortable. Besides, we got soaking wet."

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The kid looked amazed. "There's a boat?"



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# Fire Ban Issued For The Town Of Whitecourt

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• Electric or propane meat smokers.

The fire ban will remain in effect until conditions improve.

The operation of Off Highway Vehicles (OHV) within the Town of Whitecourt is prohibited under Off Highway Vehicle Bylaw 1138 which prohibits

OHV use within Town boundaries between April 1 and November 30 annually. Penalties for contravening Bylaw 1138 range from monetary fines to OHV seizure.



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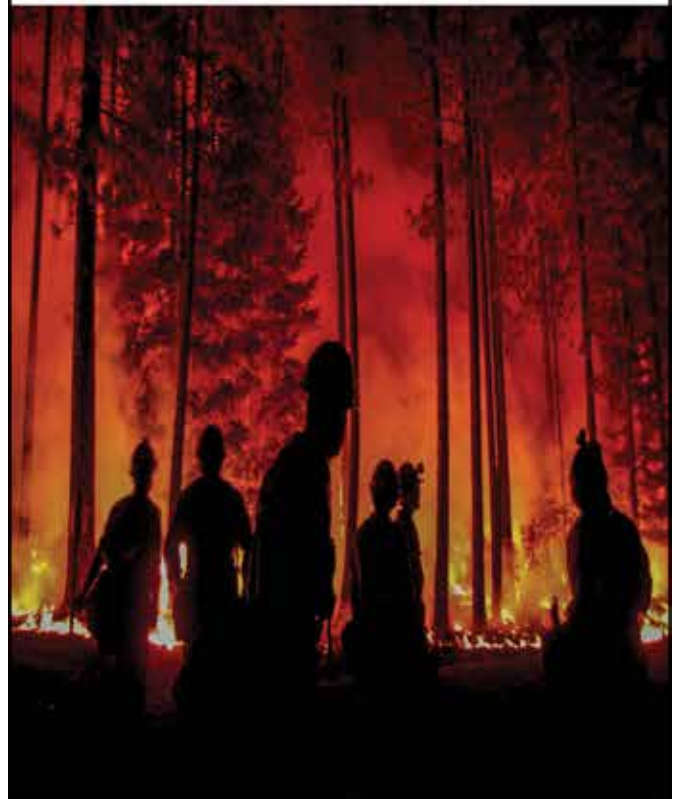
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# AHS Responds To Provincial Wildfires

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residents continue to be moved to other facilities across the province. While this has been an extremely challenging situation, the evacuations have gone well thanks to the cooperation of those having to move and the hard work of our staff, physicians, and supporting agencies. All zones are actively working around the clock to ensure patients and residents are safely cared for in temporary locations.

Evacuated patients and continuing care residents are being relocated in safe and appropriate settings. All zones are opening care spaces to accommodate those in need. These re-

locations are happening through EMS, chartered buses and flights as required. Patients and residents are being accompanied and supported by staff.

AHS is contacting families of loved ones to share patient/resident location information.

AHS has been working to identify additional staffing supports across all zones to ensure patients, residents and our care teams continue to be appropriately supported.

AHS sites safely evacuated and closed to date are:

- Drayton Valley Hospital and Care Centre
- Edson Healthcare Centre
- Fox Creek Health-

care Centre

- High Prairie Health Complex

If you have an emergency, please call 911. EMS resources remain in evacuated areas to provide support to those who need.

All appointments with laboratory services, mental health and public health in evacuated communities are postponed at this time. Clients will be contacted directly by AHS to be rescheduled as soon as possible. Home care clients impacted by evacuations are being contacted to arrange for alternative home visits and support from nursing teams.

Our teams are working with municipal leaders in

these communities to establish plans for re-entry when it is deemed safe to do so.

We are extremely grateful for our frontline staff, leaders and physicians who have come together to support the response across AHS, and especially to those who have been evacuated along with their families. We are also grateful for our partner organizations, including several continuing care organizations that continue to support these efforts.

We are also appreciative of our community partners and volunteers who continue to answer when called upon for their support.

# Voter Information For Electors Displaced By Wildfires

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determine how voters can be supported to cast their ballot. At this time, no returning offices or voting places have been impacted and in-person voting will continue to be offered at all locations, where possible.

Starting today, the Chief Electoral Officer has authorized an additional reason

to vote by Special Ballot, so that those individuals that have been displaced by an emergency or disaster can take advantage of this voting option.

An information page is now available on the Elections Alberta website to provide up-to-date information for voters that may be affected by the wildfires

at <https://www.elections.ab.ca/current-election-information/voting-information-for-electors-displaced-by-emergency-or-disaster/>.

Elections Alberta will continue to monitor the situation and post information on the website and on social media, should a returning office need to close due

to an evacuation order and to provide alternate voting and service options.

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# ALBERTA DECLARES PROVINCIAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

Submitted by Government of Alberta

In response to the threat of multiple wildfires burning throughout the province, Alberta has declared a provincial state of emergency to ensure the safety, health and welfare of Albertans.

Emergency responders are working around the clock to keep people safe and reduce the threat to homes and infrastructure.

Under the Emergency Management Act, declaring a state of emergency is a legal mechanism that provides the provincial gov-

ernment with a higher level of intergovernmental coordination, around the clock monitoring of the situation, access to emergency discretionary funds, the ability to mobilize additional supports and continue working with municipalities, organizations and businesses

to support evacuated residents.

The Emergency Management Cabinet Committee continues to meet regularly to respond to the current wildfire situation across the province. Cabinet continues to have

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## LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY BATTLES WILDFIRE EVENTS WITH MUNICIPAL PARTNERS

**County adds its voice to rural Alberta leaders requesting an increase in provincial firefighting resources.**

**Sangudo, Alberta, Saturday, May 6, 2023** – Lac Ste. Anne County today provided a status update regarding recent wildfire events, including the County's request to the Province to declare a State of Provincial Emergency.

At approximately 2:00 pm on Friday, May 5, 2023, a fire broke out in the community of Lessard Lake Estates (referred to as the 553 Lessard Lake Fire). Lac Ste. Anne County Fire Services responded to this fire, working in tandem with fire crews from Alberta Wildfire and adjacent municipalities to preserve the 134 residential and recreational properties in the affected area. Regrettably, the County was unable to save 21 properties from the fire; four of which were total losses.

At the time of this media release, a total of four recreational vehicles, five structures, and 12 outbuildings have been destroyed. The County is working on a full assessment of damages to these properties.

Because this fire is still active, access to the Lessard Lake Estates subdivision is restricted to responders. Public safety is paramount as is the safety of the first responders on scene. Road blocks are in place to ensure that unnecessary traffic is not allowed into the scene.

**Stay away from the active fire areas. If you are within the mandatory evacuation areas, please leave immediately.**

Presently, 553 Lessard Lake Fire is not contained. An additional 500-hectare-fire that affected Rge Rd 60 to Rge Rd 63, from Twp Rd 554A to Twp Rd 560 is listed as contained, and is being monitored as there is still flare-ups occurring. All information related to the wildfires, including information for displaced residents, will continue to be posted to the County website at [LSAC.ca](https://lsac.ca).

"This is the hottest, driest season we've had in years," shared Lac Ste. Anne County Reeve Joe Blakeman. "I commend our Fire Services personnel for giving their all to deal with the recent wildfire events. I also extend my gratitude to responders from Barrhead and Woodlands counties, Busby, St. Albert, Ponoka, and elsewhere for helping us deal with these critical events. Everyone is working together to the extent possible, which is increasingly difficult given the wildfire events in other parts of the province."

"It goes without saying that I am saddened by the property losses; but at the same time I am relieved to hear that there have been no casualties, nor any loss of livestock."

### County Seeks Provincial Resources

On May 5, 2023, Reeve Blakeman sent a letter to Premier Danielle Smith requesting that she declare a Provincial State of Emergency and deploy the required resources to the County and similarly-affected regions on an expedited basis. In his letter, Reeve Blakeman expressed an immediate need for additional personnel, equipment, food, and shelter. "Much of rural Alberta is reeling from one of the most dangerous wildfire seasons in recent memory, and we've just started the season," shared Reeve Blakeman. "Granted, the Province has stepped in to provide periodic assistance, but it's simply too sporadic. Our crews held the 553 Lessard Lake Fire for hours, but with little air support from the Province due to the redeployment of their resources to Edson and Drayton Valley, the fire jumped the break and 21 structures were lost."

"Following a conference call with Parkland County Mayor Allan Gamble, Yellowhead Mayor Wade Williams, Brazeau County Mayor Bart Guyon, and with the guidance of the Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland Constituency Office, we've reached out to the Premier to declare a State of Provincial Emergency. We've also asked Rural Municipalities of Alberta President Paul McLaughlin to help us drive the message home to the Province that we need their help; we need the declaration, now."

The County has not yet received a response from the Province regarding Reeve Blakeman's May 5 request for a Provincial State of Emergency declaration.

Reeve Blakeman further shared that, once the wildfires have been contained, the County will work with displaced residents on a re-entry plan to return to their homes in a timely organized manner. "We certainly understand the sense of urgency, but we also have to prioritize safety. We still have crews actively battling the blaze. Once we overcome the crisis at hand, we will work with affected residents to return to a state of normalcy. To be clear, however: this is not the time to have these discussions."

Displaced residents are being engaged by County personnel. Any affected resident with questions or requiring assistance is encouraged to contact the County Administration Office at 780.785.3411 (toll-free 1.866.880.5722) or [LSAC@LSAC.ca](mailto:LSAC@LSAC.ca).

All updates and directives related to the wildfires will continue to be posted to the County website at [LSAC.ca](https://lsac.ca), and the County's Facebook page at [facebook.com/lsacounty](https://facebook.com/lsacounty). Residents who visit [CountyConnect.ca](https://CountyConnect.ca) and opt in to the County's emergency notification system can also receive wildfire status updates via text, email or voice message.

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Media Contact: Joe Blakeman | Reeve, Lac Ste. Anne County | TEL - 780.918.1916 [jblakeman@LSAC.ca](mailto:jblakeman@LSAC.ca)



# HOME SECURITY

- \* Turn off the telephone ringer so no one knows your home is empty.
- \* Lock and check doors and windows.
- \* Have your newspapers and mail stopped while you are away.
- \* Make your home look lived in - put lights, radios and TVs on variable timers and have a neighbour remove junk mail.
- \* Don't leave notes outside.
- \* Lock up tools, BBQs and ladders and put them out of sight.
- \* Make sure your hedges are trimmed so as not to provide cover for burglars.
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- \* Let a trustworthy neighbour know when you are gone for holidays and leave an emergency contact number.

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Rural Crime Watch Members are concerned citizens who are watchful for unusual activity in their community. They record information on suspicious people and vehicles and pass it along to local police. Join together with your neighbours to install a crime watch program in your area. Do not approach suspicious individuals on your own.



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# AWARENESS TEAMWORK ACTION

**That's what it takes to help prevent crime. During Crime Prevention Week, do what you can to keep your home, neighborhood and workplace safe.**



## When away from home for extended periods:

Install timers on a few inside and outside lights.

Hold mail and newspaper delivery or donate it to a school or hospital.

Have a trusted friend or neighbor look after your home.



## Around the house:

Do not leave tools or ladders outside your home.

Make sure external doors and frames are sturdy. Steel or 1 3/8"-thick wood is preferable.

Installing a security system can add extra protection against crime, fire or accidents.



## In the neighborhood:

Join a neighborhood watch committee, and ask local law enforcement for assistance.

Get to know your neighbors. It will instill a sense of community and help everyone feel safer.

Report any suspicious neighborhood activity to the police.





# Alberta Declares Provincial State Of Emergency

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decision-making abilities, and will make decisions as needed to deal with this emergency situation.

The ministries involved in the Emergency Management Cabinet Committee include Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services, Alberta Skilled Trades and Professions, Alberta Infra-

structure, Alberta Treasury Board and Finance, Alberta Municipal Affairs, Alberta Health, Alberta Forestry, Parks and Tourism, Alberta Seniors, Community and Social Services, Alberta Indigenous Relations, Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors, Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation and Alberta Energy.

Department officials will

continue providing daily technical briefings to the media and the public as this situation continues to evolve. A daily situation report will also be issued via news release.

The most up-to-date evacuation information is available at [alberta.ca/emergency](https://alberta.ca/emergency), Alberta Emergency Alert or by downloading the Alberta Emergency Alert mo-

bile app, which immediately pushes all alerts out to subscribers. Albertans seeking information or supports can call 310-4455.

Anyone who has been evacuated due to wildfires is asked to register at local reception centres or at [emergencyregistration.alberta.ca](https://emergencyregistration.alberta.ca).

## INSURANCE EXPERTS AVAILABLE TO HELP ALBERTANS AFFECTED BY WILDFIRE

Submitted by Government of Alberta

With more than 100 active wildfires in Alberta, including a number that are currently listed as out of control, Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) has deployed its Virtual Community Assistance Mobile Pavilion (V-CAMP) to provide insurance information to affected residents.

IBC is in close contact with provincial government and emergency management officials, as well as with municipal officials in the affected communities. This situation is changing extremely rapidly. Click here for the latest updates from the Government of Alberta.

"Unfortunately, the wildfires across Alberta over the past week have resulted in the loss of multiple properties. Our hearts go out to the individuals and families whose lives have been disrupted and whose property has been damaged," said Rob de Pruis, National Director of Consumer and Industry Relations, IBC. "Special thanks to all the first responders who have been working so diligently

to protect lives and property. While recovery efforts continue, rest assured that anyone whose property or vehicle was damaged can contact their insurance representative when they are ready to start the claims process. Those with general insurance questions are encouraged to contact IBC's Consumer Information Centre at 1-844-2ask-IBC."

Insurers serve as "second responders" in the recovery period after catastrophe strikes. IBC's Virtual CAMP is staffed with trained insurance industry personnel who are on hand at IBC's Consumer Information Centre at 1-844-2ask-IBC (1-844-227-5422) to help address consumers' general questions about their home, business or vehicle insurance policies. Albertans can also visit IBC's Wildfires webpage to learn more about their insurance coverage and the various stages of the claims process.

When the Smoke Clears ... What's Covered?

- Virtually every home insurance policy covers damage caused by fire, even if the fire began on a neighbouring property,

as long as the fire was not started intentionally by the policy holder or a member of their household.

- Damage to vehicles from fire is usually covered if comprehensive or all perils coverage car insurance was purchased. As this coverage is not mandatory, talk to your insurance representative to ensure that you have appropriate insurance coverage.

- In certain circumstances, homeowners who are evacuated or unable to return home as a result of insurable damage are entitled to additional living expenses.

Tips for Starting the Claims Process

- Call your insurance representative. Most insurers have a 24-hour claims service. Be as detailed as possible when providing information.

- List all damaged or destroyed items. If possible, assemble proofs of purchase, photos, receipts and warranties. Take photos of damage incurred and keep damaged items, unless they pose a health hazard.

- Keep all receipts related to cleanup and liv-

ing expenses if you've been displaced. Ask your insurance representative about what coverage for expenses you may be entitled to and for what period of time.

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# ONOWAY LEGION NEWS

Submitted by Onoway Legion

## Pork Loin Dinner

On Friday, May 12, let someone else do the cooking! Carol and crew are serving a pork loin dinner with rice, corn, spinach salad, and buns. There's apple cake with sauce for dessert. The Rich Valley Community Church is sponsoring a Veterans' table.

Cost is only \$20 for a delicious meal. Doors open at 3 pm, with dinner served at 6 pm. Reserve your spot by text or phone to 780-909-4558 by Wed., May 10. Pre-ordered take-out meals are welcomed.

Successful Fundraising Dinner!

On April 29, there was a sold-out crowd to savour a delicious roast beef dinner at the Onoway & District Historical Guild's fundraising supper. Competition for the silent auction items was fierce, and everyone enjoyed Todd Butler's after-dinner performance. Guests at the Veterans' table that night included Matt

and Karoline Martin, Ron and Myra Johnson Sr., and Brian and Judy Roberts.

## President's Message

Saturday, May 6, 2023, marked the coronation of King Charles III. God save the King! Our Legion will mark the coronation with a special ceremony during our Veterans Dinner on Saturday, May 13, 2023.

The Veterans Dinner is our opportunity to express thanks to the Veterans living among us (as well as surviving spouses and partners of our Veterans who have passed). We have had considerable success in our outreach to local Veterans for this dinner and other events, but we can always do better. If you know a Veteran who may be in need of assistance, or who would benefit from the comradeship that we offer at the Legion, please reach out to me and let me know the name of the Veterans and how we can contact them.

As always, if you have a question or concern about the Onoway Legion you can contact me, Ed Gallag-

her, directly by phone at 780-297-2203 or by email at [President@onowaylegion132.com](mailto:President@onowaylegion132.com).

## Dinner Schedule

Full-course dinners are offered only every second Friday, with remaining Fridays designated as casual Pub Nights. As always, the legion will be closed on holiday long weekend Fridays. Mark your calendar for dinners on May 26, June 9 & 23. Details about each meal will be publicized in the paper and on social media.

## Wednesday Kitchen Party!

The Kitchen Parties continue every Wednesday evening starting at 7 pm at the legion. Everyone, member or not, is welcome for this musical jam. Bring an instrument to play, sing along, dance, tap your feet, or even just sit and listen. You can also play darts, pool, or cards. The bar is open so you and your friends can also enjoy a favourite beverage.

## Darts and Pool

Each Tuesday evening is drop-in darts at the legion, with no membership need-

ed. Doors open at 6:30 and play begins at 7:30.

On Thursdays, the legion pool club runs. This is also on a drop-in basis with no membership required. Play begins at 7:30 pm, so please arrive no later than 7:15 to be included in the evening schedule.

## Did You Know?

The air conditioning system at the Legion is very close to being operative, thanks to SANG. It's just waiting for the final step in the process, so soon those broiling hot summer evenings will be a thing of the past.

Cutline: At the dinner April 29, on behalf of the Historical Guild, Terry Slemko (r) presented Legion President Ed Gallagher (l) with this commemorative sign. It will be posted at the front of the Legion to let everyone know the present Legion building was once the west wing of Beupré School (now the Museum).





# REAL ESTATE AND MORTGAGE FRAUD

## Tips to Protect your Real Estate Investment Dollars

- \* Consult public real estate websites to review property listings in the community where the property is located. Compare features, size & locations to establish if the asking price seems reasonable.
- \* Get independent representation for your purchase. If the seller objects, consider it a red flag.
- \* Check to make sure your representative is a licensed real estate agent. Contact your local Real Estate Board or the Real Estate Council of Alberta. Using a licensed real estate agent does not cost anything from a purchaser's standpoint. Usually all commissions are paid by the seller.
- \* Beware of a real estate agent or mortgage broker who has a financial interest in the transaction.
- \* Ask your independent representative to provide you with a comparative market analysis of the property.



## Red Flags to Watch for Mortgage Fraud

- \* Someone offers you a fee to use your name and credit information to obtain a mortgage
- \* You are encouraged to include false information to a loan application
- \* You are asked to leave signature lines or other important areas on a loan application blank
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# BULLYING

## Tips for Dealing With Bullying

- 1) Take complaints of bullying seriously. Do not dismiss your child or expect your child to work through the situation alone.
- 2) Praise your child for reporting bullying situations to you and assure your child you will take action.
- 3) Talk to your child's teacher, counselor, or other caregiver about reports of bullying.
- 4) Work together to address the bullying situation. Don't confront the parents of the bully directly.
- 5) Ask your child specific questions about how your child is treated by peers, who he or she eats lunch with, and how other children are treated.
- 6) Teach your child to be assertive. Your child should be able to express feelings and needs clearly, without shouting or other aggressive behavior.
- 7) Provide opportunities for your child to make friends. Identify some of your child's interests and encourage your child to pursue them through sports, clubs, or other group activities.
- 8) Teach your child to identify bullying behaviors. These include hitting, damaging possessions, threatening, name calling, & excluding someone

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Remember if you see a situation that doesn't feel right, it's suspicious.

Write down the description of any suspicious persons.

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Call the police immediately. Don't assume someone else has called.

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# CRIME PREVENTION

- Keep an eye out for strange vehicles parked in your area at odd hours or for long periods of time
- Make sure all young children know how to handle possible confrontations with strangers.

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- Start teaching children at an early age how to avoid drugs and alcohol.
- Get children involved in organized after-school programs.
- Start, join or reactivate a neighborhood watch program.
- Be aware of your surroundings, especially when walking alone at night.
- Participate in forums which involve local officials, such as city council meetings.
- Reach out to crime victims, their families or others in the community who need support.
- Get to know your neighbors - you may find others with an interest in safety, too.
- Be familiar with members of your local police and fire departments.
- Make sure all street lights in your area are in working order. Alert local officials if they are not.
- Set up buddy systems for teens going out after dark.



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# GOLFER'S GUIDE

## HOW TO HELP KIDS GET INTO GOLF

Golf is a game of skill that can take years, if not decades, to master. Many golfers find their time on the golf course both rewarding and relaxing, even on those days when the fairways seem impossible to find.

Though many players never swing a golf club until they reach adulthood, it's never too early to hit the links. Some of the world's most accomplished golfers, including four-time Masters champion Tiger Woods, began playing as toddlers, and many feel that getting an early start can lead to a more successful game down the road.

Getting kids into golf is a great way for parents to bond with their children while enjoying the great outdoors. Golf can also be used to teach kids humility, sportsmanship and the importance of hard work. Thanks to the often frustrating nature of golf, parents may find it somewhat challenging to instill a love of the game in their youngsters. But there are ways to introduce kids to this wonderful game that kids might just play for the rest of their lives.

•Focus on having fun. Few, if any, golfers at your local golf course on a given weekend could say with certainty that golf has never frustrated them. The challenge of golf may be its most appealing characteristic to older players, but young kids can be easily overwhelmed by the challenges golf presents. By focusing on

having fun instead of perfecting techniques, parents can get kids to look forward to their time on the links. The more fun kids have, the more likely they will be to embrace the game and its many challenges. Don't put pressure on youngsters as they develop their games, but encourage them through their struggles and reassure them that you faced the same obstacles when you started playing.

•Hire an instructor with experience teaching children. Instructors with experience teaching children will understand the basics of the game and how learning those basics provides a great foundation for future enjoyment and suc-

cess on the course. Instructors who have taught kids in the past also know that teaching youngsters the finer points of golf requires patience and encouragement. Ask a fellow parent or an employee at the club where you play to recommend an instructor for your child. And take advantage of any kids' courses your club offers.

•Purchase the correct equipment. Even the best golfers are bound to struggle when using the wrong equipment. While it might be unwise to invest in especially expensive equipment for youngsters likely to grow out of it in a few months' time, deals can be found on used kids' equipment. Used

kids' equipment is typically subjected to less wear and tear than used equipment for adults, as kids tend to play less often and fewer holes than adults when they do play. But make sure to find correctly sized equipment that kids feel comfortable using.

•Play some holes. Instructors may teach kids the differences between the types of clubs and how to swing and putt. But golf is most fun when players are out on the links going from hole to hole. Instruction is important, but don't forget to play a few holes with your child each week as well.

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# ALBERTA WILDFIRE SITUATION

Submitted by Government of Alberta

As of this afternoon, more than 24,000 individuals have been evacuated from communities throughout north and central Alberta.

Those evacuated due to wildfires are asked to register at local reception centres or at [emergencyregistration.alberta.ca](https://emergencyregistration.alberta.ca).

Current situation

- Alberta has declared a provincial state of emergency. Visit [alberta.ca/emergency](https://alberta.ca/emergency) for information or call 310-4455.

- Mandatory evacuation orders are in effect for the following areas. Please check [alberta.ca/emergency](https://alberta.ca/emergency) or download the Alberta Emergency Alert mobile app for complete information:

- o Parts of Brazeau County. Evacuees should register in Edmonton at the Expo Centre, Hall C, at 7515 118 Avenue.

- o Parts of Northern Sunrise County.

- o Parts of Mackenzie County. Evacuees should register at the High Level Rural Hall.

- o The entire Town of Rainbow Lake. Evacuees should register in High Level at the High Level Arena, at 10101 105 Avenue.

- o Fox Creek, Little Smoky and surrounding areas. Evacuees should register at the Allan and Jean Millar Centre, at 58 Sunset Boulevard in Whitecourt.

- o Parts of Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation and the Municipal District of Greenview. Evacuees should register at Memorial Hall, 4808 50 Street in Valleyview.

- o Parts of the County of Grande Prairie. Evacuees should register at the Bon-

nets Energy Centre, 10017 99 Avenue, Grande Prairie.

- o Parts of Big Lakes County. Evacuees should register at Elks Rodeo Hall on Highway 749.

- o Parts of Lac Ste Anne County. Evacuees should register at the May-erthorpe Diamond Centre, at 4184 54 Street.

- o Parts of Yellowhead County, including the Town of Edson.

- o The communities of Whitefish River and Ait-kameg. Evacuees should register at the Town of Slave Lake office, at 10 Main Street, Slave Lake.

- o The Hamlet of Entwistle. Evacuees should register at Wabamun Jubilee Hall, at 5132 53 Avenue in Wabamun.

- o Parkland County and the Hamlet of Entwistle. Evacuees should register at Wabamun Jubilee Hall at 5132 53 Avenue in Wabamun.

- Residents of the following areas should be prepared to evacuate on short notice:

- o The Grovesdale area of the Municipal District of Greenview

- o The area west of Beaverdam Provincial Recreation Area and east of the Bighorn Dam, including the hamlet of Nordegg.

- o Parts of the County of Grande Prairie, including Pipestone Creek area.

- o The town of High Prairie.

- o Parts of Wetaskiwin County.

- Sixteen declared states of local emergency and two band council resolution include:

- o Big Lakes County

- o Brazeau County

- o County of Grande Prairie

- o Clear Hills County

- o Clearwater County

- o Drayton Valley

- o Town of Edson

- o MD of Fairview

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- o East Prairie Metis Settlement

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- o Parkland County

- o Rainbow Lake

- o Yellowhead County

- o The Little Red River Cree Nation (Fox Lake) has declared a band council resolution

- o Whitefish Lake First Nation has declared a band council resolution

- Information for evacuees

- Evacuees should register at the reception centre identified for their community so staff can quickly assist them and connect them with the resources they need.

- Evacuees with special needs who are unable to stay in an evacuation centre can request emergency financial assistance to cover hotel accommodations.

- o Special needs could include having a disability, a medical condition or other family needs.

- o Apply for emergency financial assistance by visiting an Alberta Supports Centre or calling the Income Support Contact Centre at 1-866-644-5135. Information is also available through the Alberta Supports Contact Centre at 1-877-644-9992.

- Albertans affected by wildfires, including evacuees, can access supports by calling the Alberta Supports Contact Centre at

1-877-644-9992.

- o The centre is open from 8:15 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekends.

- The Income Support Contact Centre is also available 24-7 and provides emergency financial assistance. It can be reached at 1-866-644-5135.

Fire bans and other restrictions

- Unusually warm, dry weather and strong winds mean it is easier for a wildfire to start and spread.

- As a result of these conditions, the entire province is under a fire ban. No open burning is allowed, including backyard fire pits inside the Forest Protection Area. Alberta Parks and many municipalities and communities have ordered their own bans and restrictions. For more information, visit [albertafirebans.ca](https://albertafirebans.ca).

- A provincial off-highway vehicle restriction is also in place, which means the recreational use of off-highway vehicles on public land, including on designated OHV trails, is prohibited.

Wildfire activity updates

- There are currently 110 active wildfires in the Forest Protection Area, 37 of which are classified as out of control.

- o Information on all wildfires is on the Alberta Wildfire dashboard and the Alberta Wildfire app.

Travel

- There are multiple road closures and advisories for north and central Alberta.

- Visit [511.alberta.ca](https://511.alberta.ca) for up-to-date information on road closures and travel advisories.

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# Alberta Wildfire Situation

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## Health

- Alberta Health Services is supporting the evacuation of the Drayton Valley Hospital.

- o Patients will be moved to Rocky Mountain House and Edmonton hospitals.

- Edson Healthcare Centre has been fully evacuated with patients/continuing care residents and families being notified of new location of all patients and continuing care residents.

- Evacuation of the Fox Creek Health Centre is currently underway.

- o AHS continues to work in providing care in the community to transport residents to other fa-

cilities in Alberta and Edmonton.

- EMS and zones continues to be fully engaged to ensure safe transport and care of all patients/residents. Other zones and provincial programs are assisting with reception centres, and ensuring availability of spaces/equipment as needed.

- Alberta Health Services is deploying mobile air quality monitoring, as multiple communities are reporting high levels of smoke and ash residue.

- Residents affected by the wildfires who have health care-related questions and are looking for up-to-date information about the wildfires or health care resources,

should visit the Alberta Health Services Wildfire Resources webpage.

- For non-emergency health advice, including information on their health care options, residents should call Health Link at 811.

## Justice

- Due to the wildfire evacuation of Evansburg, Evansburg court sittings on Monday, May 8 have been relocated to Stony Plain.

- The Drayton Valley circuit court is within the Town of Drayton Valley's evacuation order. The next sitting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16.

## Agriculture and livestock

- Agricultural societies may have room for

livestock evacuated from wildfire areas: Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies.

- Evacuated farmers and ranchers:

- o can contact the wildfire resource line at 310-4455 with agriculture and livestock related questions.

- o should register at the reception centre identified for their community so staff can quickly assist them and connect them with the resources they need.

- o may need re-entry permits if they want to go back into an evacuated area to check on livestock, and should check with their municipality before entering.



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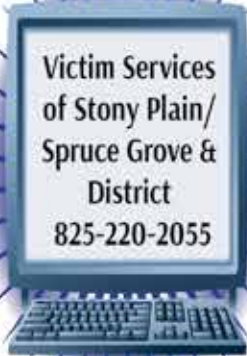
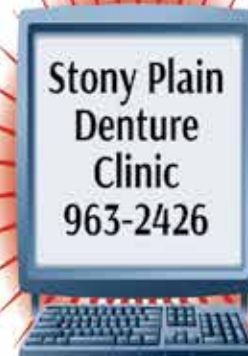


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# CHILDREN ON-LINE

## SOME TIPS FOR CHILDREN ON THE NET

1. Do not use login names or nicknames that will reveal age or gender.
2. Never give out personal identification including friends, addresses, school activities, passwords or real names
3. Everyone is a stranger. Identities can be hijacked or passwords compromised so even your "best friend" online might not be who they say they are.
4. Everyone lies. While this might not be true, it is easier to assume that it is true and to act accordingly.
5. The Internet is NOT secure. It is a shared resource. Email is about as secure as a postcard; Chat is about as private as having a phone call with your parents listening in on the other extension.
6. The people who would harm you have often had lots of time, experience and knowledge on how to trap you. You are an amateur compared to them. They will do everything they can to trick you into trusting them.
7. Do not agree to meet anyone offline.
8. If you are even a little bit suspicious, talk to your parents.







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# SUDOKU



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**Like puzzles?** Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

### ANSWER:

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