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## **Fire Prevention Week in Yorkton**

Fire Prevention week in Yorkton and across Canada is October 7 -13, and residents need to keep some basic fire prevention tips in mind, said Mayor Bob Maloney at a news conference Thursday at the Fire Hall.

“Looking for places fire could start in your home is perhaps the key thing to keep in mind”, he said, “as well as learning two ways out of every room by making sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter,” said the Mayor.

Deputy Fire Chief Harry Wilkins said that the City’s Fire Protective Services Department is always working to raise awareness of safety prevention techniques in the City, and conducts a number of programs to do this including fire inspections of apartment buildings, senior’s housing and businesses, as well as fire prevention talks in schools. “These are things that increase awareness of fire safety issues and help to keep our community safe,” he said.

Last year the Fire Department conducted 380 inspections and 32 school presentations.

Of the 36 fires logged in the City in 2018, 16 were preventable had some basic fire prevention tools been implemented, said the Deputy Chief.

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