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## FIRE SAFETY SELF-INSPECTION INFORMATION FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES Guides now available to improve fire safety

With a recent increase in commercial property fires and the challenges of conducting fire inspections with COVID 19 safety protocols, the Campbell River Fire Department has developed a self-inspection program to improve safety for residents and businesses.

"We're still conducting inspections, and this new tool will help people prepare their properties to be safe from fire," says fire chief Thomas Doherty. "We're introducing this program to enhance fire and life safety and to help people be proactive and better prepared to be in compliance with fire safety requirements when their scheduled fire inspection occurs. "

The self-inspection guides include step by step checklists for fire safety code requirements as well as important fire safety information for each occupancy type and requirements to comply with the BC Fire Code.

Specialized checklists are available for a range of businesses, including:

- Retail
- Care facilities and daycares
- Multi-family residential buildings

Self-inspection guides will be distributed by email to business improvement associations and to everyone with a City of Campbell River business licence. The information is also available on the City's website (www.campbellriver.ca/fire-inspections).

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COVID-19

Please note: We have new procedures in place to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

We are gradually – carefully – resuming in-person services and limited public access to City facilities. For the most recent information on City services, please see our website (campbellriver.ca). Reach us with general inquiries by email (info@campbellriver.ca) or telephone 250-286-5700.