



TOWN OF BRUCE MINES

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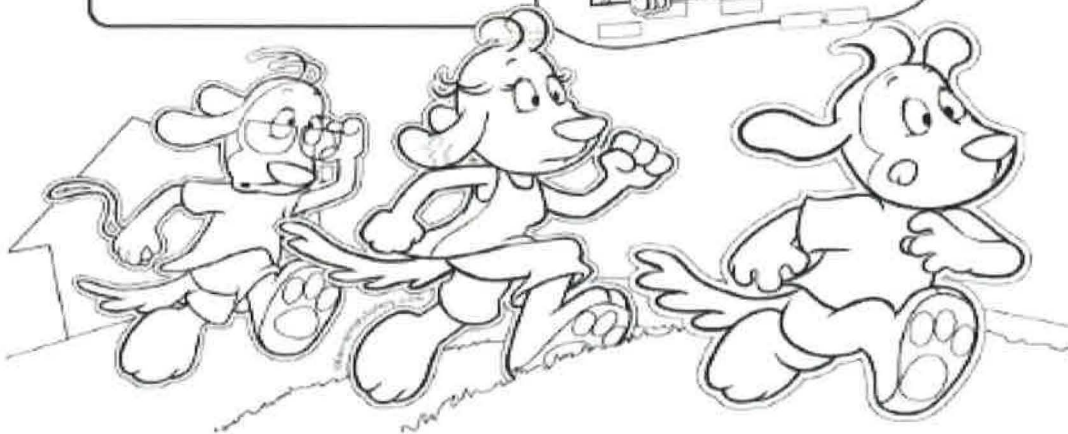
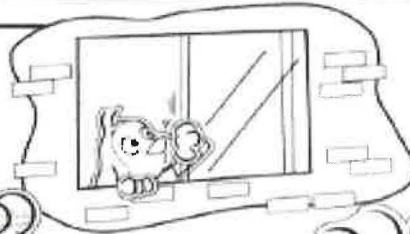
THE FIRE DEPARTMENT will be conducting smoke detector checks and assisting in battery changes (if necessary), for Bruce Mines residents, October 25, 2023, between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Having an **EVACUATION PLAN** in place could save your life! If you do not have one, make it a priority! Draw a floor plan of your home showing all possible exits from each room. Plan a main escape route and an alternate escape route from each room, especially bedrooms. When fire strikes, a planned step-by-step escape route can reduce panic and confusion. Most of all, it can save lives.

FIRE SAFETY!

PRACTISE A FIRE DRILL WITH YOUR FAMILY

Know at least 2 ways of getting out of every room.



Emergency Management: Do you know what to do in a tornado, flood, or winter storm? Do you have everything you need during a major emergency?

<https://beprepared.emergencymanagementontario.ca/myplan>

This online tool will help you create an Emergency Preparedness Action Plan for your household. Your completed plan will:

- List the specific steps you need to take to get prepared,
- Provide tips on hazards that might affect your community,
- Include information related to special needs you may have (for example, information for people with disabilities and pet owners)



Winter Storms (Winter is just around the corner...)

- When a winter storm hits, **stay indoors**. If you must go outside, dress for the weather. Outer clothing should be tightly woven and water-repellent. The jacket should have a hood. Wear mittens - they are warmer than gloves - and a hat, as large portion of body heat is lost through the head.
- In wide-open areas, visibility can be virtually zero during heavy blowing snow or a blizzard. You can easily lose your way. If a blizzard strikes, do not try to walk to another building unless there is a rope to guide you or something you can follow.
- If you **must** travel during a winter storm, do so during the day and let someone know your route and arrival time.
- If your car gets stuck in a blizzard or snowstorm, remain calm and **stay in your car**. Allow fresh air in your car by opening the window slightly on the sheltered side - away from the wind. You can run the car engine about 10 minutes every half-hour if the exhaust system is working well. **Beware** of exhaust fumes and check the exhaust pipe periodically to make sure it is not blocked with snow. **Remember**: you can't smell potentially fatal carbon monoxide fumes.
- To keep your hands and feet warm, exercise them periodically. In general, it is a good idea to keep moving to avoid falling asleep. If you do try to shovel the snow from around your car, **avoid overexerting** yourself.
- Overexertion in the bitter cold can cause death as a result of sweating or a heart attack.
- Keep watch for traffic or searchers.

Go to: <https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/hzd/svrstrms-drng-en.aspx> for more information on severe storms.

Reminder - Winter Parking Restrictions: Parking on town streets is prohibited between November 1 and April 30th of each year to allow for the facilitation of snow removal. We thank you for your cooperation!



The Chamber of Commerce presents COPPER COUNTRY CHRISTMAS: Saturday, November 18, 2023 – Mark your Calendar – at the Bruce Mines Community Hall & the Lighthouse Church Hall.
Watch for more information coming soon.



survey

SURVEY RESULTS ARE IN! (as of October 5/23) The town recently surveyed ratepayers/residents regarding their thoughts on keeping the Simpson Mine Shaft open --- the response so far is **YES! 86%** say keep it open, with only **14%** wishing to see it remain closed. Thank you for your participation – **the survey is still open**, so please continue to send your responses in! For a more detailed breakdown, please go to our website www.brucemines.ca

The Town's **new WEBSITE** has been up and running for a couple of months now. Please check it out at www.brucemines.ca – you will find lots of useful information there, including upcoming events, news, council minutes, recycling calendar, etc., just to name a few. We welcome any suggestions you may have --- please submit events/news that you would like posted to info@brucemines.ca

Town Website: www.brucemines.ca Municipal Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 4:00, Closed 12-12:30 for lunch.