Saskatchewan Annual Fire Statistics

(Statistics represent the 10-year average from 1997 - 2006)

- On average there are 10 destructive fires everyday in Saskatchewan for a total of 3948 fires annually. There is an average of 724 residential fires every year.
- ➤ The direct dollar loss as a result of fires is approximately \$46.5 million annually.
- > A fire death occurs on average every 23 days in Saskatchewan.
- > 3 out of the 14 annual fire deaths are children.
- > 75% of all fire deaths occur in the home.
- Approximately 60 fire injuries are reported annually in Saskatchewan. In addition, hospitals see many burn and scald victims who are not included in the 60 reported injuries.
- Cooking is the leading cause of fire in the home. Careless cooking causes approximately 222 home fires every year. As a result of these fires, an average of 10 injuries and 1 death occur every year.
- Careless use of smoking materials and children playing with matches/lighters are the leading causes of fire deaths in the home. Children playing with matches/lighters set 61 fires, which result in 1 death and 6 injuries on average each year.
- Candles cause 32 fires annually in the home. Candles left unattended cause 45% of all candle fires. These fires result in 1 death and 2 injuries on average each year. 1/3 of all candle fires occur in December and January.