

RESIDENTIAL FIRE PREVENTION VISITS

Following the coming into force of the Safety Cover Plan for fire protection, the Municipality of the Village of Ayer's Cliff has the obligation to proceed, starting in 2008, with fire prevention visits of every residence, business and industry on its territory.

To do so, the Municipality mandated the firm GPI to heighten the people's awareness of the risks of fire, to remind them of customary advice and to observe abnormalities. The preventionists from the firm GPI, when they will come for the visit, will be easily identified.

Negligence being the leading cause of fires in the home, the residential prevention visits aim to:

- educate the population to take preventative measures to help reduce the risk of fire in the home;
- help promote municipal fire regulations, as well as verify that the regulations are being followed;
- create and update a portrait of the potential risks that the fire department might be confronted with (propane, flammable products, wood stoves, etc.).

Points of interest during a prevention visit are the following:

- Smoke detectors: the smoke detectors are required by municipal law. During the fire prevention visit, all smoke detectors will be verified.
- Carbon monoxide detectors: the sources of carbon monoxide being numerous, it is recommended to install some carbon monoxide detectors.
- Electrical installations: many fires can be avoided by a few simple precautions, proper installation and the safe use of electrical appliances.
- Heating appliances: fires caused by heating appliances are often the result of inadequate or improper installation, or a lack of maintenance of the heating system or chimney.
- Other verifications like smoking paraphernalia, fire extinguishers, propane and the storage of flammable products, cooking appliances.

The preventionist can also discuss an evacuation plan and encourage you to put one into action.