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The Yukon government promotes carbon monoxide safety

WHITEHORSE—Government of Yukon has launched seriouslysimple.ca—a website designed to increase awareness of the life threatening risk of carbon monoxide in homes as well as to provide simple solutions to prevent this risk.

"Carbon monoxide poisoning is a serious issue, but the solutions to preventing carbon monoxide-related illnesses and deaths are simple," Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation Brad Cathers said. "The Yukon government is committed to supporting the safety of Yukoners, in this case by providing information about how to properly manage fuel-burning appliances."

Seriouslysimple.ca provides information on how to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning caused by home fuel-burning appliances such as stoves, furnaces or boilers that burn oil, gas or wood to create heat. It also has information on maintenance and installation of fuel-burning appliances, installation of carbon monoxide detectors and signs of carbon monoxide poisoning.

"This website is one initiative in a comprehensive approach that the Yukon government is taking to ensure a safe home environment for all Yukoners," Cathers said. "We are also offering financial support to homeowners and landlords through Yukon Housing Corporation's low-interest home improvement loans to assist with replacing or repairing improperly installed or maintained heating systems."

As part of a larger Yukon government effort, the seriouslysimple.ca website supports and enhances the carbon monoxide public awareness campaign already underway.

Learn more

Carbon monoxide safety: www.seriouslysimple.ca

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