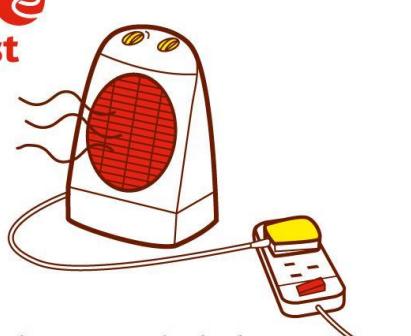


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EXTENSION CORD FIRE SAFETY

Electrical Safety First



*Never plug a heater into an extension lead.
They can easily be overloaded and cause fires. #EFSW*

Old man winter has arrived with a vengeance throughout our province. Dropping temperatures mean an increase in the use of electric space heaters in residential homes.

Please do NOT be tempted to plug an electrical space heater into an extension cord. The energy and heat that these portable devices put out can cause overheating of the extension cord or power strip, which could lead to short-circuiting and in some instances, it can potentially catch fire.

(The same applies for any high power capacity appliance including, but not limited to: refrigerators, microwaves and toaster ovens.)

With more and more people (and kids!) working from home, the use of extension cords to power additional devices like phones and laptops has also increased. To help prevent fire due to overheating, be aware of the temperature of your extension cord/power strip – if it's hot, it means it's overloaded and may start a fire.

- Always plug extension cords and power strips directly into the wall
- Do not connect multiple extension cords together
- Do not use indoor extension cords outside and ...
- Never place a rug or carpet over extension cords, this can lead to unseen wear and tear and exposed wiring that can lead to fire.

To learn more about residential fire safety products and services offered by Huronia Alarm & Fire Security Inc. [click here](#).

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS - SPRING FORWARD – CHANGE THE BATTERIES IN YOUR SMOKE DETECTORS

As a reminder to our customers and colleagues, Daylight saving time 2021 in Canada will begin at 2am on Sunday, March 14th. So when the clocks go ahead an hour, please remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. We recommend that you test smoke detectors monthly, and change the batteries routinely in the spring and fall when clocks are changed. Replacing smoke detectors that are more than 10 years should also be done as they have reached their useful lives.

HURONIA SPONSORS RED CARPET EVENING #TogetherAtHomeEdition IN SUPPORT OF THE CLH FOUNDATION

Huronia was a proud sponsor of the [2021 CLH Foundation's Red Carpet Evening - #TogetherAtHomeEdition](#). This fundraising initiative will help the [CLH Developmental Support Services](#) to provide specialized services to children, youth and adults who have developmental support needs creating an environment of acceptance, encouragement, and life-long learning. Their work in our community includes resource consultation, community

activities programming, supported living homes, and supported employment services. Congratulations to the CLH for hosting a wonderful, virtual event!



Images courtesy of the [CLH Foundation Facebook page](#). Left is Kevin Leonard, COO of Huronia Alarm & Fire Security Inc. and bottom right is K.C. Colby from CTV News Barrie proudly showing the total amount that the event raised.

MEET THE TEAM

In our industry Customer's don't often get to see the faces of all the individuals who provide the products and services to their homes and businesses. They don't often see the staff who work behind the scenes in accounting, scheduling, inventory management and customer service. Those team members who answer calls in our monitoring stations. And those individuals who service and install security or fire safety systems. We'd like to introduce you to the faces behind this work. Please allow us to introduce you to ...



Melyssa Ridgway, Jr. Fire Alarm Technician

From the age of 15, Melyssa knew that she wanted to work in fire safety. Standing at a lofty 5 feet tall, her two brothers would tell anyone who would listen about this little powerhouse of a sister that was always looking for a challenge, always ready to learn and who could easily hold her own against the bigger kids. She grew up working on construction sites – gaining invaluable experience that would lead her to take on the challenge of becoming a Boatswain with the Canadian Armed Forces in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Melyssa subsequently achieved her credentials in pre-service firefighter education and training from Georgian College and the Ontario Fire College. And when Melyssa saw the job posting for a Jr. Fire Alarm Technician at our Midland office, she knew that she had found her new challenge.

"I'm currently responsible for servicing fire extinguishers, emergency lighting systems and hoses. As a junior tech, I'm also able to get out to customer job-sites to shadow the senior techs, who teach me something new every day ... like how to work with fire panels and life

safety devices... it's really exciting to learn new skills ... I'm a hands-on learner, so this on-the-job training is invaluable to me. I'm really grateful to work with such a supportive and energetic team who are always willing to show me the ropes, teach me something new and help me learn the culture of the company. Our bi-weekly fire safety meetings at the Midland office allow us all to have an opportunity to talk about challenges, come up with solutions and provide input. I've only been here a short while, but from day one I've felt like a part of the team."



So what's next for Melyssa? She's recently accepted a position with the Ramara Volunteer Fire Department and has begun the recruitment and training process. Clearly her two brothers were right. She is always looking for a challenge, a chance to learn and an opportunity to help and serve her community. Welcome aboard Melyssa!

WE'RE HIRING ... HELP US FIND THE NEXT GREAT ADDITION TO OUR TEAM!

To support our commitment to exceptional customer service we are on the look-out for talented people to join our team. Some of our best leads have come from our customers, and so we are reaching out to you again! We are actively recruiting individuals with technical experience in security and life safety systems as well as sales of these respective systems.

Junior Security Alarm Technician

Responsibilities include: the installation and pre-wiring of structured cabling, audio video cabling and related equipment for security alarms, card access systems, fire alarm devices, CCTV and IP camera systems, structured cabling termination and audio components installation, rough-in, installation, troubleshooting, commissioning and maintenance activities pertaining to burglar alarm detection systems, door/access control systems, public address/intercom systems, CCTV/IP camera systems, control & display systems, networks, audio/video and associated structured cabling, installation of TV's and speakers, attend on-call emergency calls as required as part of the on-call rotation for emergency after-hours service and customer service.

[**Click here to submit an application or to receive additional information about this career opportunity.**](#)

If you know of someone who is looking for an employment opportunity with a family-owned and operated business that is dedicated to customer satisfaction, [**please contact us.**](#)

We offer an incentive for leads that create viable employment opportunities for our company: three months free monitoring for the lead; 12 months free monitoring if we employ the lead through their probationary period; an additional 24 months of free monitoring should the lead remain employed after one continuous year of service.



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