

Parent Newsletter

HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOLS

November 2023

INJURY PREVENTION

ICBC has launched their annual pedestrian safety campaign, October - November, 2023.

As weather changes and daylight hours decrease, pedestrians become more vulnerable. Nearly half (43%) of crashes involving pedestrians, happen between October and January. In B.C., approximately 78 per cent of crashes involving pedestrians happen at intersections. Whether it's avoiding distractions or yielding the right-of-way, we all need to do our part to keep pedestrians safe.

Throughout this period, ICBC will be working with community partners to hand out free reflectors to pedestrians and reminding drivers to be extra careful and to watch out for pedestrians, especially at intersections and near transit stops.

For more information about pedestrian safety, visit [ICBC Road Safety](#) and [Road Safety for your Kids](#)

Pedestrian Safety



RADON AWARENESS

November is Nation Radon Action Month

To raise awareness about radon and its health risks, Interior Health in collaboration with the BC Lung Foundation has launched a **Student Radon Skill Testing Contest** to coincide with November National Radon Action Month. The contest is open for Grades 4 through 12 and provides an opportunity for students to learn about radon with prizes to be won. For contest rules and details, please visit the [Student Radon Skill Testing Contest Webpage](#).



Interior Health Pilot Project Testing for Radon in Schools

Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in Canada after smoking. Radon is a radioactive gas that is formed naturally in the ground. It has no colour, odour, or taste and can accumulate indoors, particularly in basements and ground floors. The only way to know radon levels is to test for it, and testing is best done in the winter months.

For more information and resources about radon in BC and to order a long-term test kit visit:

- [Interior Health's Radon Information Page](#) - Radon Overview and Resources
- [BC Centre for Disease Control](#) - Radon Overview and BC Mapping Information
- [BC Lung Foundation](#) - Long-Term Test Kit Information and Radon Projects in BC