

## WINTER SAFETY BULLETIN

That time of year is quickly approaching again *weather* we like it or not.

The Town of Fort Erie Building Department would like to take this time to send a few reminders to our builders and contractors.

### CONSTRUCTION HEAT

- Ensure spaces utilizing gas powered construction heaters are well ventilated. Ensure heaters are in good working order, level and clearances to combustibles are maintained. Carbon Monoxide levels are to be kept below a safe ppm.

### SITE ACCESS

- Access to the job site needs to be safe, clear from snow and ice, free of debris and equipped with guards/handrails where required. This includes driveways, pathways, steps, ramps, access around the building, and all interior walking surfaces.

### FROST/FREEZE PROTECTION

Where temperatures are expected to be below 10 degrees Celsius:

- Concrete works including footings are required to be protected from freezing conditions throughout construction. If any organic material such as straw is used for protection, it must be removed prior to back fill or concrete placement.
- Care should be taken when considering using site water, including for testing purposes to avoid freezing.

Let us work together to keep our contractors, builders, homeowners and inspectors safe this winter season. Please ensure the above information is reviewed and implemented prior to requesting staff to the site for inspections.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Building Department