

UPDATEline -- a key information source

Northeast Region CAER's UPDATEline is proving to be a key source of industry information to the public.

In its first year, some 500 messages were posted to the UPDATEline by Northeast Region CAER members, and more than 1700 calls were made to the line. "The line gives our neighbours a place to go for information around the clock," says Brenda Gheran, CAER Program Coordinator. "Northeast Region CAER has more than 30 members, and having a central number where all information is posted makes it easy for our community to be informed – one number, one call."

The UPDATEline is part of the community notification program that was launched in March of 2003. The program consists of the UPDATEline and a state-of-the-art notification system. To be notified should a serious occur in your immediate vicinity, you must provide your contact information to Northeast Region CAER at 424-0162, or follow the UPDATEline link on the home page of www.nrcaer.com.

CAER stands for Community Awareness Emergency Response.

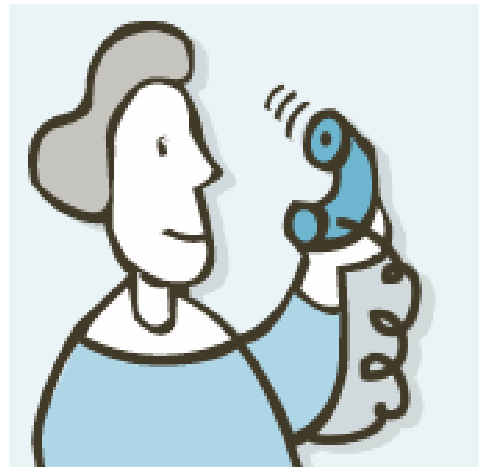
MEMBER PROFILE – Nova Chemicals Corporation

While their offices aren't in the NRCAER region, NOVA Chemicals Corporation maintains a strong presence in the area through operation of several pipelines.

As one of the largest ethylene and polyethylene sites in North America, NOVA Chemicals places a high priority on Responsible Care®. "With pipelines running through the NR CAER jurisdiction, it just made good sense to become a member of an organization focused on safety, communication and emergency preparedness," said Jim Dixon, NOVA Chemicals Pipeline Team Leader.

NOVA Chemicals produces about 2800 kilotonnes of ethylene at its three ethylene facilities located at the Joffre site in Central Alberta. Its two polyethylene facilities produce about 998 kilotonnes of polyethylene.

"At each of our plant sites, NOVA Chemicals is committed to demonstrating outstanding performance in the areas of safety, health and environment. Responsible Care® is a key component of our business and we strive to be a neighbor of choice in the communities where we operate." added Jim Dixon.





Ensuring a Safe Summer for Everyone

Summer ... barbecues in the backyard, fun in the water, camping in the mountains, traveling to visit friends and families. Regardless of your plans this summer, review the tips below to ensure that you have a safe and enjoyable summer.

In the sun ...

Did you know that 80 per cent of skin cancers occur above the neck. Avoid extreme sun exposure by:

- ☼ Scheduling outdoor physical activities when UV rays are at their weakest - **before 11:00 a.m. and after 4:00 p.m.**, especially between the months of April and October.
- ☼ Always keep children under the age of one out of the sun.
- ☼ Remember that skin doesn't have to be hot to burn, so don't be fooled by cloudy or overcast weather.
- ☼ Apply sunscreen generously before all outdoor physical activities such as swimming, skateboarding, biking or even walking.
- ☼ Make sure that you drink plenty of fluids so that you don't get dehydrated.

Around the house ...

Mowing the lawn is a regular part of summer too. Keep safety in mind with these tips:

- ☼ Store gasoline outside the home in a ventilated area, preferably in a locked, detached shed.
- ☼ Don't store gasoline in the trunk of your car.
- ☼ Store just enough gasoline to power your gasoline-fueled equipment.
- ☼ Keep gasoline out of reach of children.

At a campground ...

- ☼ NEVER leave children unattended or playing near a campfire.
- ☼ Look for signs that warn of potential fire hazards in provincial and national forests and campgrounds, and always obey park service regulations.

On the road ...

If it's summer, you're bound to come across road construction:

- ☼ Be prepared for brief delays
- ☼ Slow down for reduced speed limits through construction zones.

Watching fireworks...

The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend an outdoor public display put on by professionals. Remember to keep your distance too -- if you're close enough to see what they are doing, you're close enough to be injured if they make a mistake.

For more summer safety tip information, check out the following web sites:

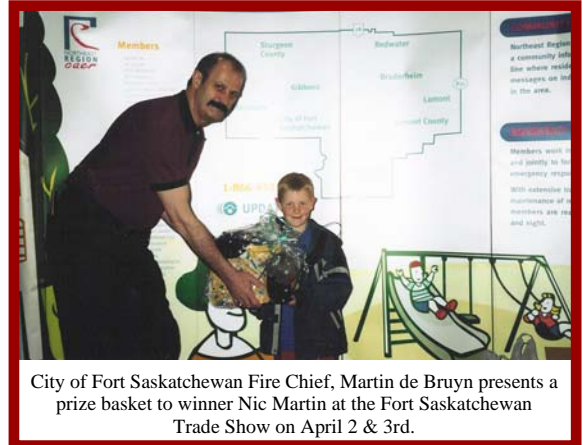
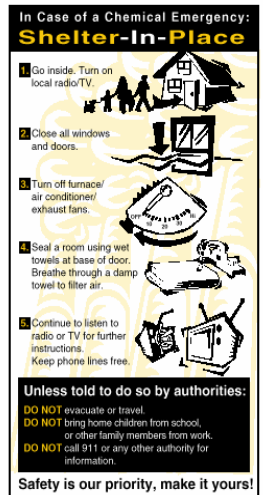
- http://www.sja.ca/english/safety_tips/safety_tips/summer.asp
- <http://www.safety-council.org/quiz/summerq.htm>
- http://www.stayingalive.ca/summer_safety.html

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City of Fort Saskatchewan Fire Chief, Martin de Bruyn presents a prize basket to winner Nic Martin at the Fort Saskatchewan Trade Show on April 2 & 3rd.

If you would like to know more about mutual aid in your area or would like an Northeast Region CAER representative to speak at your next function, contact us at (780) 424-0162, fax us at (780) 497-7404 or e-mail us at nrcar@nrcaer.com.