



Media Release

July 28, 2025

Public Assistance Request – Dog Bite – Saugeen Shores

Grey Bruce Public Health is asking for the public's assistance in identifying the owner of a dog involved in a biting incident that occurred Friday, July 25, 2025, in Saugeen Shores.

Around noon, an individual was bitten while trying to separate two dogs engaged in a fight near the Saugeen Shores municipal office on Wellington Street.

The dog that bit the individual is described as a medium-sized, mixed-colour dog. Both dogs involved in the fight were accompanied by individuals who witnesses believed were the owners of the dogs.

Staff at Grey Bruce Public Health need to confirm the dog involved in this biting incident is not infectious with rabies.

By verifying the health of the dog, the victim can avoid receiving the post-exposure rabies treatment.

If you have any information related to this incident, please contact Grey Bruce Public Health at 519-376-9420 ext. 1335.

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Media Release

July 30, 2025

Public Assistance Request – Dog Bite – Municipality of Kincardine

Grey Bruce Public Health is asking for the public's assistance in identifying the owner of a dog involved in a biting incident that occurred Sunday, July 27, 2025, in the Municipality of Kincardine.

Just before 8:00 a.m., an individual was bitten while running along Boiler Beach Road.

The dog that bit the individual is described as a large-sized, tan colour dog. The dog was with a man wearing a ball cap, white shirt, and khaki shorts.

Staff at Grey Bruce Public Health need to confirm the dog involved in this biting incident is not infectious with rabies.

By verifying the health of the dog, the victim can avoid receiving the post-exposure rabies treatment.

If you have any information related to this incident, please contact Grey Bruce Public Health at 519-376-9420 ext. 1530.

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For Immediate Release

Bruce County Reminds Residents: "When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!"

Bruce County, Ontario: With summer in full swing and Bruce County buzzing with outdoor fun, we encourage everyone to stay alert to changing weather conditions. Thunderstorm season is here. Don't let a summer storm catch you off guard.

Lightning strikes remain a leading cause of weather-related deaths in Canada, with outdoor recreation enthusiasts and workers at highest risk. Most strikes occur in open areas or under trees.

Key Safety Tips:

- The safest place to be during a thunderstorm is inside.
- Get inside immediately when you hear thunder. Lightning is within striking distance.
- Stay away from windows and seek interior rooms or basements during storms.
- Don't run water. Lightning can travel through plumbing.
- Avoid small shelters like picnic pavilions. You need to be in a fully enclosed space, like a building or a vehicle.
- If caught outside, crouch low with feet together in a low-lying area (don't lie down).

"We want everyone to enjoy Bruce County's outdoor experiences safely," says Ray Lux, Bruce County's emergency management coordinator. "Stay informed by monitoring weather alerts and take shelter when storms are in the forecast."

Most thunderstorms last under an hour, but proper precautions during that time can save lives.

For more emergency preparedness information, visit www.brucecounty.on.ca/getprepared.

About Bruce County:

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Media Release

July 31, 2025

GBPH advises residents to exercise caution on days with poor air quality

Grey Bruce Public Health is advising residents and visitors to take precautions to protect their health when smoke — pushed into the area from active forest fires — impacts local air quality.

Environment & Climate Change Canada issued a Special Air Quality Statement on Thursday, July 31, 2025, for the Grey-Bruce area. The poor air quality is due to wildfire smoke from the Canadian Prairies.

The province's [Air Quality Health Index](#) (AQHI) for Grey-Bruce was forecasted to reach "High Risk" during the day, before returning to "Low Risk" on Friday, Aug. 1, 2025.

Residents are encouraged to regularly check the AQHI for the area, which is measured at the Tiverton station. When the AQHI in Grey-Bruce reaches the High-Risk level, Grey Bruce Public Health recommends the following:

- **For the At-Risk population**, which includes people with heart or breathing problems: **reduce or reschedule** strenuous outdoor activities. Children and the elderly should also take it easy.
- **For the general population: consider reducing or rescheduling** strenuous activities outdoors if experiencing symptoms such as coughing and/or throat irritation.

"Grey Bruce Public Health encourages residents to monitor weather alerts and forecasts related to the current air quality situation and take steps to protect their health and the health of their loved ones," says Senior Public Health Manager Andrew Barton.

Wildfire smoke can create high levels of pollution in the air, which can adversely affect everyone's health, even at low concentrations.

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Individuals who are more likely to be impacted by outdoor air pollution include those aged 65 and older, pregnant people, infants and young children, people with existing illnesses or chronic health conditions, and people who work outdoors.

In addition to the recommended precautions, Grey-Bruce residents can limit their exposure to wildfire smoke by taking the following measures:

- Keep windows and doors closed if the indoor temperature is comfortable;
- Utilize recirculation settings on HVAC systems;
- Install clean, high-quality air filters in ventilation systems;
- Consider using air purifiers with HEPA filters; and
- Seek refuge in community centres, libraries, and shopping malls, where cleaner filtered air is often available.

Mild irritation and discomfort caused by wildfire smoke are common and typically subside as the smoke dissipates. Drinking plenty of water can help the body cope with these temporary changes.

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Media Release

August 7, 2025

Public Assistance Request – Dog Bite – Town of South Bruce Peninsula

Grey Bruce Public Health is asking for the public's assistance in identifying the owner of a dog involved in a biting incident that occurred Sunday, August 3, 2025, in the Town of South Bruce Peninsula.

At approximately 5:00 p.m., an individual was bitten outside the Circle K convenience store in Sauble Beach.

The dog that bit the individual is described as a medium-sized, brown and white dog, wearing a plain collar. It was reportedly tied up outside the Circle K convenience store.

Staff at Grey Bruce Public Health need to confirm the dog involved in this biting incident is not infectious with rabies.

By verifying the health of the dog, the victim can avoid receiving the post-exposure rabies treatment.

If you have any information related to this incident, please contact Grey Bruce Public Health at 519-376-9420 ext. 1455.

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Media Release

August 6, 2025

Kelso Beach posted unsafe for swimming

Grey Bruce Public Health, in consultation with the City of Owen Sound, has posted Kelso Beach as unsafe for swimming after water-sampling results showed bacterial levels exceeding Ontario Ministry of Health standards.

The beach posting will remain in effect until further samples show levels have returned to within the acceptable range for swimming/bathing.

“While we understand that this posting will be an inconvenience to some, we respectfully ask that residents and visitors respect this swim advisory as people are at an increased risk of getting sick or an infection when bacterial levels in beach water exceed Ontario guidelines” says Senior Public Health Manager Andrew Barton.

GBPH took water samples from the beach Tuesday August 5 and received the results on Wednesday August 6. Further sample results will be reported on as soon as they are received. GBPH regularly tests the water at high-use beaches in Grey-Bruce for *E. coli* levels. This posting does not impact other beach locations.

Residents and visitors should refrain from swimming or playing in the beach water at Kelso Beach or letting pets drink or play in the water until the unsafe for swimming advisory is lifted. Water with bacterial levels above provincial standards for bathing can increase the risk of skin, eye, ear, nose, and throat infections or gastrointestinal illness.

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Media Release

Aug. 13, 2025

Swim advisory posted for Southampton Beach

Grey Bruce Public Health, in consultation with Saugeen Shores, has posted Southampton Beach as unsafe for swimming after water-sampling results showed bacterial levels exceeding Ontario Ministry of Health standards.

The beach posting will remain in effect until further samples show levels have returned to within the acceptable range for swimming/bathing.

“While we understand that this posting will be an inconvenience to some, we respectfully ask that residents and visitors respect this swim advisory as people are at an increased risk of getting sick or an infection when bacterial levels in beach water exceed Ontario guidelines” says Senior Public Health Manager, Andrew Barton.

GBPH took water samples from the beach on Tuesday August 12 and received the results on Wednesday August 13. Further sample results will be reported on as soon as they are received. GBPH regularly tests the water at high-use beaches in Grey-Bruce for *E. coli* levels. This posting does not impact other beach locations.

Residents and visitors should refrain from swimming or playing in the beach water at Southampton Beach or letting pets drink or play in the water until the unsafe for swimming advisory is lifted. Water with bacterial levels above provincial standards for bathing can increase the risk of skin, eye, ear, nose, and throat infections or gastrointestinal illness.

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Media Release

August 15, 2025

Swimming advisory lifted for Southampton

Grey Bruce Public Health has lifted the swim advisory for Southampton after receiving test results from a new series of beach water samples that show bacterial levels have returned to within Ontario Ministry of Health guidelines for safe swimming/bathing.

“We would like to thank the residents of the Saugeen Shores and visitors to Southampton Beach for respecting the advisory. Beaches are posted as unsafe when bacterial levels in the water could pose a risk to human health,” says GBPH Senior Public Health Manager Andrew Barton.

Public Health, in consultation with Saugeen Shores, had posted Southampton Beach as unsafe for swimming on Wednesday, August 13, 2025.

The decision was made after GBPH received lab confirmation that water samples from the beach had bacterial levels exceeding Ontario’s recreational water quality guideline of a maximum of 200 E. coli per 100 milliliters of water.

People who swim, play in, or use beach water with high bacterial levels are at an increased risk of getting sick or getting an infection.

Even if a beach is not officially posted as unsafe for swimming, Grey Bruce Public Health advises people to use their best judgment before taking a dip or allowing children or pets to swim or play in the water. Water quality can change from day to day or even hour to hour depending on the weather and other conditions.

Do not swim or play in beach water within 48 hours of heavy rainfall, if the water is so cloudy that you cannot see your feet at waist-deep, or if there is a large number of birds or algae in the water.

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Media Release

August 15, 2025

Public Assistance Request – Dog Bite – Meaford

Grey Bruce Public Health is requesting the public's assistance in identifying the owners of a dog that was involved in a biting incident on Thursday, August 14, 2025, in Meaford.

Between 7:30 – 8:00 pm, a man was bitten by a white dog, resembling a Terrier, with black ears and black markings around the eyes. The incident happened along the walkway on Bayfield Street in Meaford.

The dog's owner is described as a middle-aged woman, with brown shoulder length hair and of average height. She had just taken a couple of pictures of the dog, while it was sitting on a big rock.

Grey Bruce Public Health needs to confirm the dog is not infectious with the rabies virus. By verifying the health of the dog, the victim can avoid receiving the post-exposure rabies treatment.

If you have any information related to this incident, please contact Grey Bruce Public Health at 519-376-9420 ext.1265.

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August 20, 2025

For Immediate Release

Celebrating Our Common Ground at the Inaugural Cultural Symposium on October 8, 2025

Bruce County, Ontario: Join us for the first ever Cultural Symposium, on Wednesday, October 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Chesley Community Centre. We're dedicating the day to celebrating and strengthening our local arts, heritage and community connections.

The theme of the Cultural Symposium is *Common Ground: Connecting Through Culture in Bruce County*. The event will offer a unique opportunity for artists, cultural organizations, community members and leaders to come together, share ideas, and explore ways to enrich Bruce County's vibrant cultural landscape.

Agenda

- Keynote speaker, Heather Keam, will give a presentation on the culture of volunteerism and the essential contributions of volunteers in sustaining and growing initiatives in rural communities.
- Hear from local leaders, engage in a facilitated networking session and enjoy a complimentary lunch provided by [Bruud Coffee Bar](#).
- Local artist and community collaborator, Heather Travis, will lead a networking session, providing hands-on support to help expand your personal network and build meaningful connections.
- Local youth will facilitate small group discussions about culture and community.

"The Cultural Symposium is a powerful gathering of voices, ideas, and creative energy. Through dialogue and collaboration, we're strengthening the role of arts and culture in the social and economic fabric of our communities," says Brooke McLean, Director of Library Services.

Tickets

Tickets for the cultural symposium are available online through [Eventbrite](#) for \$25 per person. Purchase your tickets before September 24 to secure your spot today.

Learn more at www.brucecounty.on.ca/culture.

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