

# FIRE PREVENTION WEEK



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## **Fire Prevention Week**

### **Stats**

- Local fire departments responded to 1,353,500 fires in 2021. These fires caused 3,800 civilian deaths, 14,700 civilian injuries and \$15.9 billion in property damage.
- Every 23 seconds, a fire department in the US responds to a fire somewhere in the nation. A fire occurs in a structure at the rate of one every 65 seconds, and a home fire occurs every 93 seconds.
- Seventy-five percent of all fire deaths were caused by home fires. 64% from one or two-family homes. 11% from apartment or other multi-family housing.
- One home fire-related death occurs every three hours and eight minutes.

### **Safety Tips**

- Maintain good housekeeping.
  - Minimize accumulation of items that could fuel a fire.
  - Keep pathways clear of debris and other obstructions.
- Be aware of flammable materials/chemicals on site.
  - Keep all containers of flammable liquids closed or covered when not in use.
  - Return them to their designated storage area.
  - Utilize metal safety gas can rather than plastic ones.
- Ensure portable fire extinguishers always remain fully charged and accessible.
- Keep fire doors closed.
  - At home – keep doors closed when you sleep. Can slow spread of fire significantly.
- Smoke detectors
  - Confirm there is one located in every room, and they are in good operating condition.
- Cooking is the leading cause of home fires. Don't leave stove top unattended.
- Space heaters need Space.
  - Maintain 3' clearance around them. Consider it kid & pet-free zone.
  - Turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Develop an escape plan and establish an agreed upon muster area.

***You were not hired to be a firefighter.  
Only fight a fire if you know how and it is safe to do so!***

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