



LET'S TALK FIRE SAFETY

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School Safety

School Fire Facts:

In 2011-2015, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated average of 4,980 structure fires in educational properties, annually.

These fires caused an annual average of one civilian death, 70 civilian fire injuries and \$70 million in direct property damage.

Fires in educational properties accounted for 1% of all reported structure fires in 2011-2015.

In 2011-2015, 45% of structure fires in educational facilities were intentionally set.

Nearly four of five fires in educational properties (3,910 fires, 78% of total) occurred between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Automatic sprinkler systems limit the impact of fire in educational facilities.

Structure fires in educational properties have fallen by 67% since 1980.

Safety Tips

- Fire drills must be held at least once a month while school is in session.



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- Principals, teachers or other school staff must inspect all exits daily to ensure that stairways, doors and other exits are working properly and are unblocked.
- On the day of the drill, the emergency drill alarm should be sounded on the school fire alarm system. Make sure that everyone

can recognize the sound of the alarm and knows what to do when it sounds.

- Teachers, officials and staff should be familiar with the school's fire protection system, including the location of fire alarm pull stations and sprinklers.
- Every room in the school should have a map posted identifying two ways out. In schools with open floor plans, exit paths should be obvious and kept free of obstruction.
- Students with specific needs should be assigned an adult or a student buddy to assist them. Fire drills help to identify who requires extra assistance.

National Fire Protection Association

<https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/By-topic/Property-type-and-vehicles/School-fires>

Solve the Fire Wuzzles

WUZZLES are word puzzles consisting of combinations of words, letters, figures or symbols positioned to create disguised words, phrases, names, places, sayings, etc.

For example, the solution to NOON GOOD is "Good afternoon" and LINE READ LINE is "Read between the lines."

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Answers to last month's wuzzles are down on luck & do a double take

Fire Safety Quiz

1. Fire drills should be held both at expected and unexpected times, and under varying conditions in order to simulate the conditions that can occur in an actual emergency.
 - A. True
 - B. False
2. Use _____ to ensure that every student is accounted for.
 - A. film
 - B. rosters
 - C. calendars
 - D. all of the above

Answers to last month's quiz are 1. A. & 2. C.

Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.—W. B. Yeats

It is important to have different alarms sounds for different alarms such as fire drills or tornado drills because different alarms require different actions.

School fire drills are a model for students to use in their homes. Encourage students to practice their escape plans at home—just as they do at school.

Have a fire safety question you would like for the Fire Department to answer? Please contact Ms. Tangela Rowe at 229-333-1835 or you can send an email to:

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