



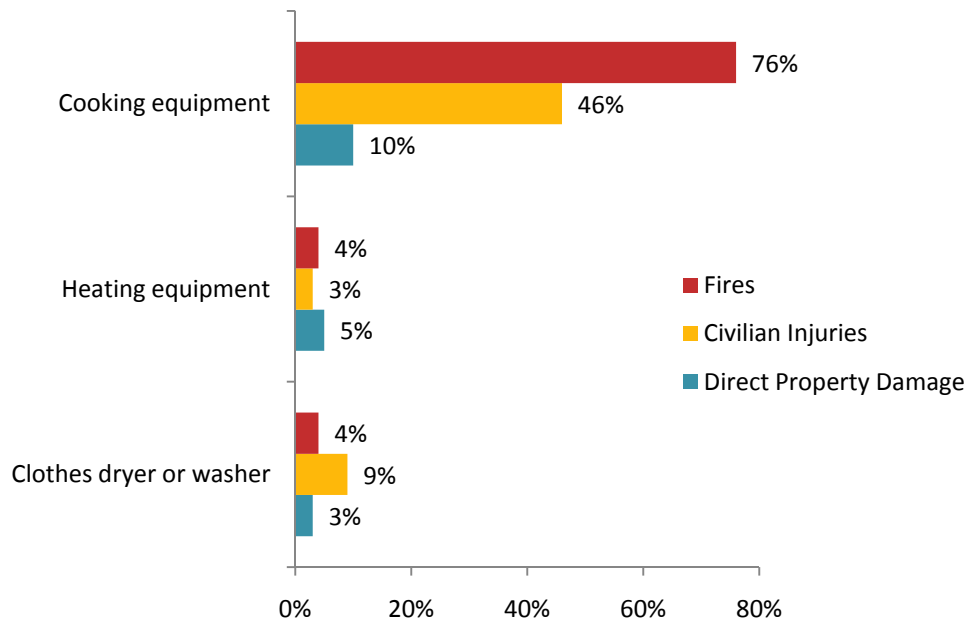
Structure Fires in Residential Board and Care Facilities

U.S. Fire departments responded to an estimated average of 2,070 structure fires in residential board and care facilities annually during 2003-2007. These fires caused annual averages of:

- 10 civilian deaths
- 70 civilian injuries
- \$10.9 million in direct property damage

Three of every four structure fires in residential board and care facilities were caused by cooking and the kitchen was the leading area of origin.

Structure Fires in Board and Care Facilities, by Leading Cause
2003-2007 Annual Averages



- Smoking materials caused 3% of fires but 63% of the civilian deaths.
- Fires that started on mattress or bedding material caused 44% of the civilian deaths in these properties.
- Structure fires in these properties peak between 4 and 7 p.m.
- Saturday was the peak day for fires in these properties.