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# NFPA Safety Source



## The holiday season is here

The holiday season is here. That means parties, family get-togethers, and lots of fun. But it also means an increased risk of home fires. Make sure your community has a safe holiday season with our newly designed safety tips.



[Winter Holiday Safety](#)



[Christmas Tree Safety](#)

## Public Education News

- Heating equipment is one of the leading causes of homefires during the winter. NFPA's [new online tool kit](#), "More Ways to Keep Your Community Safe and Warm," helps everyone understand the safe use of ALL types of heating equipment.



- NFPA's [Education Section Executive Board](#) members recently met in Boston, Massachusetts, to work on their 5-year strategic plan. Join the Education Section to stay informed of current issues and to interact with colleagues from around the



## Snapshot of the month



### Sparky® makes it to primetime!

On a recent episode of the CBS show "How I Met Your Mother," the character Lily (left) dons a genuine [Sparky fire hat](#).

### [blu](#) From our press room

The number of [large-loss fires](#) was up by more than 54 percent in 2007.

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- The Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition (HFSC) has created an exciting new program, "[Built for Life Fire Department](#)."

With the right information and tools, more fire departments can teach about sprinklers. HFSC has developed new—free—resources to simplify any department's sprinkler outreach.



- At a recent photo shoot in Columbus, Ohio, members of the community helped the Columbus Fire Department clean up the outside of a home as part of the [Urban Fire Safety Project](#):



As part of the project and NFPA's work in Columbus, an Arson Prevention PowerPoint is being developed and will be available on NFPA's website for fire departments to use in January 2009.

## NFPA Opportunities

- **Call for applications**  
NFPA is seeking applications from U.S. fire departments for the [2009 Rolf H. Jensen Memorial Public Education Grant](#), which awards a sum of \$5,000. This is a great opportunity! The application deadline is February 6, 2009. [Read about last year's winner](#).
- Anyone interested in serving on one of these committees or on any NFPA technical committee can download a form from NFPA's website at <http://www.nfpa.org/codesTC>.
  - The **Committee on Professional Qualifications—Public Fire Educator Professional Qualifications**
  - The **Committee on Signaling Systems—Public Fire Reporting Systems**

**Did you know** a person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time? Listen to NFPA's Jennifer Flynn talk about CO and [CO detection](#), and get the latest facts and safety tips.



## Shed Light on Candle Safety

Finally, Sparky has found safe candles for the holidays. [Share this fun activity](#) with the kids in your community this holiday season.



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## Events for Educators

- January 23-25, 2009, [Minnesota Fire Education Conference](#), Alexandria, Minnesota
- January 28-30, 2009, Florida Fire Chiefs, [Florida PIO Symposium & Disaster Management Workshop](#), Daytona Beach, Florida
- February 7-11, 2009, [North Carolina Fire & Life Safety Conference](#), Greenville, North Carolina
- April 26-30, 2009, [Fire & Life Safety Educators Conference](#), Springmaid Beach Resort, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

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## Out in the field



Meet NFPA's Public Education Advisors. This outstanding team works with states and provinces to assist with fire and life safety education efforts. Each month, we will introduce you to one of our advisors. They are out in the field ready to help you!

Hello! I'm Antilano De Jesus Estrella, the New England Region Public Education Field Advisor. I'm a 17-year veteran of the Providence, Rhode Island, Fire Department. [Find out more about Antilano.](#)

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