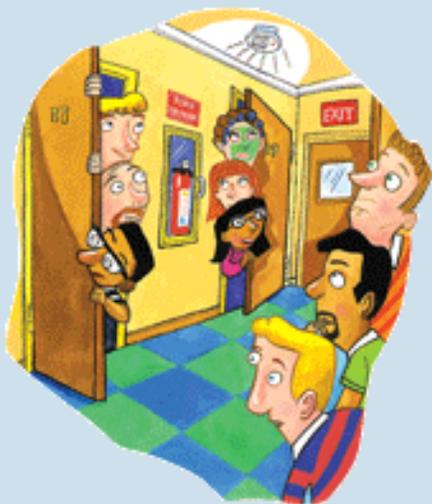


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# NFPA Safety Source



## Back-to-school safety

U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated average of 3,300 structure fires in dormitories, fraternities, sororities, and barracks in 2002-2005. As the kids head back to college, make sure they are safe with NFPA's tips on [fire safety on college campuses](#). NFPA's Gary Keith talks about starting a [fire-safety dialogue](#) with college kids.

## Public Education News

### Fire Prevention Week Spotlight

Use [NFPA's official Fire Prevention Week logo](#) for your campaign. We've got it all; download and use the logo in different size, formats, in color or black and white. New this year, we have created ready-to-use web banners for your web site!



NFPA's educational messaging has been updated following a recent meeting of the [Educational Messages Advisory Committee](#).

[Rural communities](#) have a fire death rate of twice that of the national average. NFPA and the U.S. Fire Administration joined forces to learn why. From NFPA Journal®.



### Snap Shot of the Month

Rene Alaniz, a fire safety educator from McAllen, TX, spent his 4th of July with Sparky® in Mexico. Rene was in Mexico training educators on the Spanish-language [Learn Not to Burn®](#) preschool program.



Did you know fires that start in electrical systems or lighting equipment damage more than 24,000 homes, kill 320 people, and injure 830 more each year? The Fire Protection Research Foundation has completed a study on aged wiring systems in the home. [Hidden Electrical Hazards](#) provides tools to help people in your community understand the importance of an electrical inspection when they they, sell, or renovate a home.



Whether the little ones walk or take the bus, get kid-friendly tips from Sparky for [back-to-school safety](#).

## NFPA Opportunities

- The NFPA task force that looks at issues concerning [fire safety for people with disabilities](#) will meet this fall in Kansas City, MO. Do you have any issues you'd like the task force to consider? Or better yet, [tell us what you've done in your community](#) to address fire-safety concerns for people with disabilities. We'll share your ideas online with our network of public educators.
- Get in on the chatter and blog about FPW 2008! Listen to [a roundtable discussion about this year's FPW campaign](#).



**From our press room**  
**New NFPA report:** Although fire deaths and injuries in home structure fires are down, the very young and very old remain at the highest risk of death in home structure fires.

## Events for Educators

- August 24–27, [Alzheimer's Association Dementia Care Conference](#), Garden Grove, CA
- September 4–6, AARP [Life@50+ National Event and Expo](#), Washington, DC
- September 5–9, [National Indian Council on Aging](#), Tacoma, WA
- September 23–24, [Massachusetts Fire and Life Safety Education Conference](#), Taunton, MA
- October 15–18, [Safe Kids Worldwide Child Injury Prevention Conference](#), Washington, D.C.
- October 25–29, [American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Exposition](#), San Diego, CA



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**We want to hear from you!** [Send us your comments and questions.](#)

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