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NFPA Safety Source



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New survey finds concerns about economy may increase incidence of home fires

[A new survey](#), commissioned by the American Red Cross and NFPA for Fire Prevention Week, shows that the majority (79%) of Americans are concerned about the rising cost of heating their homes, and many (48%) will use an alternative heating source such as portable space heaters, stoves, ovens, and fireplaces to reduce their bills this winter.

Public Education News

- **Sparky launches new game, e-cards on web site**

Sparky has been a busy dog. New this month on sparky.org: [Sparky's Closet](#). This interactive game lets preschoolers dress Sparky for a day at the fire station. Also new this month, brand new Sparky e-cards. Send an [e-card](#) for Fire Prevention Week and Halloween! These cards are fun for all ages!



- **Help your community be fire-safe this Halloween.** You can find [kid-friendly safety tips and a Sparky coloring sheet](#). You can also listen to NFPA's [Lorraine Carli talk about Halloween safety](#).
- **New reports from NFPA with printable fact sheets**
 - Home Fires that Began with [Mattresses and Bedding](#)
 - [Fire Loss](#) in the United States during 2007
 - [U.S. Structure Fires](#) in Nursing Homes



Waltham (MA) Fire Lt. John Craig, Lt. Brian Lefort, Mayor McCarthy, firefighter Bob Marshall, Chief Richard Cardillo and Tariq Khan from Domino's

During Fire Prevention Week

In some communities, [local fire departments will join Domino's](#) for the delivery, and if your home smoke alarms are working, your pizza is free!

- New tool kit for the fire service: "[A recipe for keeping your community cooking safely](#)" One out of three home fires begins in the kitchen - more than any other place in the home. Changing people's behaviors in the kitchen can help prevent these fires. NFPA is providing tools to help you launch a cooking safely campaign in your community.

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[Send an e-card](#)

NFPA Opportunities

- [NFPA webinar](#) series throughout October
- [NFPA Professional Development Seminar Weeks](#), various locations throughout October

Events for Educators

- October 25–29, [American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Exposition](#), San Diego, CA
- October 29–31, [Grantmakers in Aging](#), Princeton, NJ
- November 3–7, [Wisconsin Fire Inspectors Annual Prevention Professional's Conference](#), Eau Claire, WI
- November 3–7, [North Colorado Fire Marshals Association Fire Prevention Conference](#), Loveland, CO
- November 21–23, Kentucky Firefighters Association Public Education Committee Kentucky Public Education Seminar, in cooperation with the [Kentucky Fire Commission](#), Somerset, KY

FEEDBACK: [Send us your comments and questions](#)



Home Fire Sprinklers News

- NFPA announces coordinated campaign to [increase number of homes protected by sprinklers](#)
- Cost of installing [residential fire sprinklers](#) averages \$1.61 per square foot
- NFPA's President Shannon's article on firehouse.com: [NFPA's Take: Study Provides Data in Argument for Home Fire Sprinklers](#)

