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NFPA Safety Source



Fire Safety and Candles

The use of candles increases significantly during the winter holiday season. More than half of all candle fires start when something that could burn, such as furniture, mattresses or bedding, curtains, or decorations, is too close to the candle. Get your community ready!

- NFPA's Lisa Braxton talks about candle [safety during religious and holiday observances](#) in NFPA Journal.
- NEW! [Candle safety tips sheet](#) for your community.
- NFPA's [home fire candle report](#) provides statistics on candle fire deaths, injuries, and damages in home fires.

Public Education News

- NFPA has created in [Vietnamese, simplified and traditional Chinese, and Spanish several easy-to-read handouts](#) with illustrations dealing with escape planning, cooking safety, and electrical safety.

- Fire Safety for [People with Disabilities Task Force](#) members discussed strategies for developing new web-based educational materials at the recent national meeting in Kansas City, Missouri.



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. The application deadline is February 6, 2009.

Snapshot of the month

NFPA's Lynne Winnett poses during a recent photo shoot for the new *Fire Safety for Preschoolers* brochure. Redesigned NFPA brochures featuring all new photography will be

Events for Educators

- November 21-23, Kentucky Firefighters Association Public Education Committee Kentucky Public Education Seminar, in cooperation with the [Kentucky Fire Commission](#), Somerset, KY
- 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

Out in the field



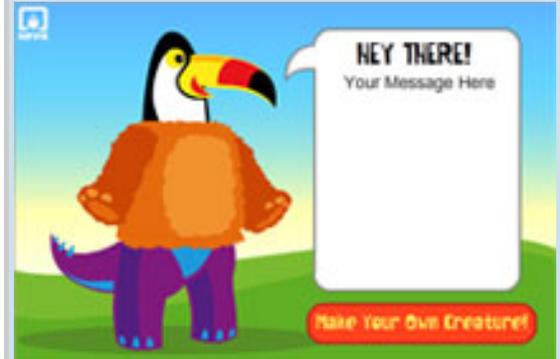
Meet NFPA's Public Education Advisors, an outstanding team that works with states and provinces to assist with fire and life safety education efforts. Each month, we will introduce you to one of our advisors. They are out in the field ready to help you!

Hi I'm Kelly Ransdell. I live outside of Raleigh, the capital of North Carolina.

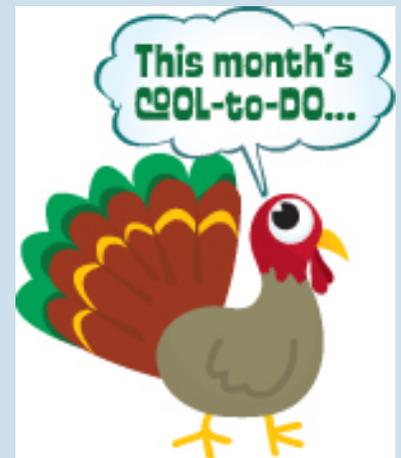
As the Southern Regional Advisor to the Public Education Division of NFPA, I work with state educators in 10 southeastern states to assist with fire and life safety information. I am a liaison to the states for workshops, conferences, current events, new initiatives, and outreach to the grassroots fire service. [Find out more about Kelly.](#)

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Acorn anyone? Sparky teaches kids how to [make Acorn people](#) just in time for Thanksgiving.