

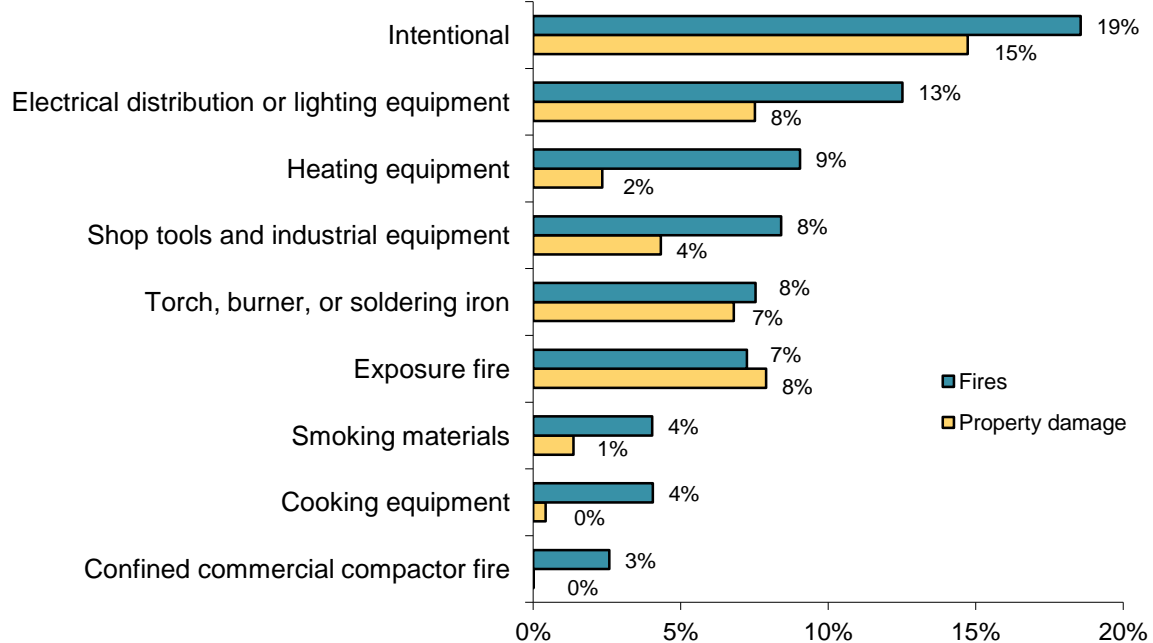


Structure Fires in U.S. Warehouses Fact Sheet

During 2007-2011, an estimated 1,270 warehouse structure fires were reported to U.S. fire departments each year. These fires caused an annual average of four civilian deaths, 23 civilian injuries, and \$188 million in direct property damage.

- Nearly one-fifth (19%) of warehouse fires were intentionally set. These fires accounted for 15% of the direct property damage in warehouse properties.
- Electrical distribution or lighting equipment was the cause of 13% of warehouse fires and 8% of direct property damage.
- Arcing is the most common heat source (13% of fires) in warehouse fires, followed by a spark, ember, or flame from operating equipment (11%).

Leading Causes of Warehouse Structure Fires: 2007-2011



CODES & STANDARDS RELATED TO WAREHOUSE PROPERTIES

- [NFPA 230: Standard for the Protection of Storage](#)
- [NFPA 101: Life Safety Code®](#)
- [NFPA 13: Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems](#)