Report:

Fires and Burns Involving Home Medical Oxygen
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Due to an error in a referenced document, the number of fires involving home medical oxygen equipment and associated injuries were inaccurate. The referenced document has been corrected and the relevant numbers have been updated in copies of this report printed after November 6, 2008.

Reference: Abstract, 5th sentence

Changed the number from 209 to 182

Reference: Page iii, fact sheet, updated numbers are in bold:

During 2002-2005, oxygen administration equipment was involved in an estimated average of 182 home fires reported to local fire departments per year.
  ➢ These fires caused an average of 46 civilian deaths and 60 civilian injuries per year.
  ➢ One of every four such fires resulted in death.

Reference: Page 16, fourth paragraph

Added following sentence for clarification:

The estimates also include a proportional share of fires in which unclassified commercial and medical equipment was involved.
During 2002-2005, oxygen administration equipment was involved in an estimated average of 182 home fires reported to local fire departments per year, resulting in an average of 46 civilian deaths and 60 civilian injuries per year.

On average, based on the projected data, a civilian is killed at one of every four fires reported to NFIRS in which oxygen administration equipment was involved. A civilian is injured at one of every three such incidents.

Consequently, the estimate of 182 reported fires and 46 civilian deaths involving medical oxygen equipment is likely an underestimate. Even so, one of every four home fires involving medical oxygen that was reported to local fire departments resulted in death.

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