

2018 Educational Messages Advisory Committee Report on Proposals

From March 19-20 Committee Meeting

Submitter: Lisa Braxton/Staff

Education Message Number: Chapter 1

Recommendation: Adding two news messages—verbiage reflecting the new technology smoke alarms coming on the market.

Committee Meeting Action: Hold the comment for further study, pending updated language from testing laboratory and safety agencies—(1) Current smoke alarms on the market employ different types of technology including: multi-sensing, which could include smoke and carbon monoxide combined. (to include asterisk for more information) (2) Today's smoke alarm will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions, yet reduce false alarms.

Log # 1-18

Submitter: Cynthia Ouellette, Massachusetts Department of Fire Services

Education Message Number: 1.2.7

Recommendation: New text: They should be at least 20 feet (6 metres) from a cooking appliance. (With dual technology being used more frequently, smoke alarms should be located 20 feet from cooking appliances.

Committee Meeting Action: Reject. Current language is accurate.

Log # 2-18

Submitter: Robert Avsec

Education Message Number: 1.4

Recommendation: New text: Many children will not be awakened by the sound of a standard smoke alarm. Parents should make it part of their family's Home Fire Escape Plan to have designated individuals responsible for awakening sleeping children and assisting them with evacuation.

Committee Meeting Action: Reject—already addressed in current document.

Log # 3-18

Submitter: Alan Zygmunt, Southington, CT Fire Department

Education Message Number: 1.6.1

Recommendation: Revised text—Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old. Check each alarm for a date to determine the age of the unit. Reasoning: Many people still do not realize that there is a date of manufacture on the housing.

Committee Meeting Action: Reject—For some manufacturers the life of the alarm begins at installation and for some it begins at manufacture. Message should stay as is.

Log # 4-18

Submitter: Fred Durso, NFPA

Education Message Number: Chapter 2

Recommendation: The proposed changes eliminate the word “system” from all references, as the style is now to omit this word, as “systems” make fire sprinklers seem more complicated than they are.

Committee Meeting Action: Accept.

Log # 5-18

Submitter: Meri-K Appy, Fire and Life Safety Educator

Education Message Number: 4.1

Recommendation: New text: Make sure the street number of your home is clearly marked where emergency responders can see it. Reasoning: Clear identification of street numbers aids first responders during emergency calls.

Committee Meeting Action: Reject. Already covered in message 4.1.15

Log # 6-18

Submitter: Marty Long, firefighter, incident commander

Education Message Number: New chapter

Recommendation: I find it very frustrating when we can't find the home or business because there is not an address properly marked.

Committee Meeting Action: Reject. Already covered in message 4.1.15

Log # 7-18

Submitter: Meri-K Appy, Fire and Life Safety Educator

Education Message Number: 7.2

Recommendation: Add this to 7.2: Whenever food is cooking, especially when you are using high heat to fry something, stay in the kitchen and watch it carefully. Turn off the burner if you leave the kitchen for any reason. Keep an Eye on What You Fry.

Committee Meeting Action: Accept the comment in part. Accept this portion. “Turn off the burner if you leave the kitchen for any reason.” And “Keep an Eye on What You Fry” is not accepted. Deemed unnecessary. The first sentence of the suggested change is already covered in Section 7.2

Log # 8-18

Submitter: Meri-K Appy, Fire and Life Safety Educator

Education Message Number: 7.2.2

Recommendation: Message begins with: “Keep an Eye on What You Fry.” Replace section heading with “Keep an Eye on What You Fry.”

Committee Meeting Action: Reject. Current section heading is appropriate. Addition to 7.2.2 unnecessary.

Log # 9-18

Submitter: Meri-K Appy, Fire and Life Safety Educator

Education Message Number: 7.4.1

Recommendation: Addition to the message: Always keep a lid or a cookie sheet nearby when you are cooking.

Committee Meeting Action: Reject. Message is adequate as is.

Log # 10-18

Submitter: Meri-K Appy, Fire and Life Safety Educator

Education Message Number: Chapter 7.6 Safe cooking Equipment

Recommendation: Add new bullet: To prevent an electric stovetop fire, replace standard coil burners with units that have a Temperature Limiting Control feature.

Committee Meeting Action: Hold the comment for further study pending receipt of additional information. "When possible to prevent an electric stovetop fire, replace standard coil burners with an auto-ignition control feature.

Log # 11-18

Submitter: Meri-K Appy, Fire and Life Safety Educator

Education Message Number: 7.7.8

Recommendation: Revision to this message: When removing hot food, be very careful if your microwave oven is mounted over your stove. Hot food and liquid may spill, causing a serious burn.

Committee Meeting Action: Reject. Already covered in message 7.7.5. Proposed language is too narrow.

Log # 12-8

Submitter: Lisa Braxton, NFPA/Staff

Education Message Number: Chapter 7

Recommendation: Need to add a section on portable cooking equipment, i.e., slow cookers, hot plates, griddles.

Committee Meeting Action: Accept

Log # 13-18

Submitter: Cynthia Ouellette, Massachusetts Department of Fire Services

Education Message Number: 7.8.2

Recommendation: Specify that the grill be 10 feet away from siding and deck railings...

Committee Meeting Action: Reject. Message is technically accurate as is. The 10-foot reference depends on the type of housing.

Log # 14-18

Submitter: Meri-K Appy, Fire and Life Safety Educator

Education Message Number: 7.8.7

Recommendation: Never leave a hot grill unattended. OR Make sure an adult stays in the area to keep people and pets away from a hot barbecue grill until it is cool.

Committee Meeting Action: Accept first sentence. Reject second suggestion. Already covered in message 7.8.4.

Log # 15-18

Submitter: Meri-K Appy, Fire and Life Safety Educator

Education Message Number: 7.9.4

Recommendation: Revised text: Store the charcoal starter fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources preferably in a locked area.

Committee Meeting Action: Reject. Outside of typical required behavior.

Log # 16-18

Submitter: EMAC Committee

Education Message Number: Chapter 8-Burns

Recommendation: Have American Burn Association review the entire chapter for accuracy.
Committee Meeting Action: Accept

Log # 46-18

Submitter: Meri-K Appy, Fire and Life Safety Educator

Education Message Number: 8.1

Recommendation: To message 8.1.7, add this text or make into a new bullet: Do not hold or carry a child while cooking at the stove.

Committee Meeting Action: Reject. Already covered in 7.5.2

Log # 17-18

Submitter: Meri-K Appy, Fire and Life Safety Educator

Education Message Number: 8.2

Recommendation: New Bullet. Use a travel mug with a tight-fitting lid when drinking a hot beverage around children to prevent a scald burn.

Committee Meeting Action: Reject. Already addressed in message 7.5.2

Log # 18-18

Submitter: Teresa Neal, FEMA

Education Message Number: 8.2.3

Recommendation: Message is redundant.

Committee Meeting Action: Accept in principle but with changes in the proposed wording. Remove message 8.2.3. Message 8.2.1 revised to read: Set your water heater to 120 degrees Fahrenheit (49 degrees Celsius). The lower temperature reduces the risk of scalds and burns.
Log # 19-18

Submitter: Teresa Neal, FEMA

Education Message Number: 9.3.3

Recommendation: This is not a great message. How likely is it for people warming their homes with a heater to open a window as well?

Committee Meeting Action: Accepted in principle with changes in the proposed wording: When using a fuel-burning space heater, open a window to reduce carbon monoxide exposure and to ensure proper ventilation.

Log # 20-18

Submitter: Teresa Neal, FEMA

Education Message Number: 9.3.4.1

Recommendation: Remove message. It is the same as message 9.3.1

Committee Meeting Action: Accept.

Log # 21-18

Submitter: Cynthia Ouellette, Massachusetts Department of Fire Services

Education Message Number: 10.1.1

Recommendation: Delete. Is there really any fire safe cigarette? The Mass. Public Fire and Life Safety Education Task Force believes there is no safe cigarette.

Committee Meeting Action: Accept.

Log # 22-18

Submitter: Meri-K Appy, Fire and Life Safety Educator

Education Message Number: 13.1.5

Recommendation: Delete: Never leave a burning candle unattended.

Replace with: Make sure an adult is in the room and paying attention whenever a candle is burning. Blow or snuff out candles when you leave the room.

Committee Meeting Action: Reject. Message is fine as is and the individual public educator can re-tool it, if necessary, for the audience.

Log # 23-18

Submitter: Meri-K Appy, Fire and Life Safety Educator

Education Message Number: 13.1.6

Recommendation: Delete: Avoid using.

Replace with: Do not use candles in bedrooms, bathrooms, and sleeping areas.

Delete extinguish and replace with blow or snuff out

Committee Meeting Action: Reject. Both messages are effective as they are. Core messages can be tailored as needed by the individual public educator.

Log # 24-18

Submitter: Michele Steinberg, NFPA

Education Message Number: 15.1.4

Recommendation: Revised text: Permitted open fires, such as bonfires or yard waste or debris burning ~~trash fires~~, need to be at least 50 feet (15 metres) from anything that can burn.

Committee Meeting Action: Accept in principle: Permitted open fires, such as bonfires, yard waste, trash fires, or debris burning need to be at least 50 feet (15 metres) from anything that can burn.

Log # 25-18

Submitter: Michele Steinberg, NFPA

Education Message Number: 15.1.5

Recommendation: New message: Add a new 15.1.5 and renumber the paragraphs that follow: Where outdoor burning is allowed, never burn household trash, construction debris, treated lumber, tires, or pesticides, paint or aerosol containers. These items contain toxins that can be harmful to people and animals when burned.

Committee Meeting Action: Accept.

Log # 26-18

Submitter: Michele Steinberg, NFPA

Education Message Number: 15.1.6

Recommendation: Avoid burning on windy, dry days. When conditions are windy or dry, it is easy for ~~open burning to spread out of control~~ for embers from open burning to ignite nearby structures and vegetation and cause a wildfire or a structure fire.

Committee Meeting Action: Accept in part: Where outdoor burning is allowed, never burn plastics, construction debris, treated lumber, tires, or pesticide, paint or aerosol containers. These items contain toxins that can be harmful to people and animals when burned.

Log # 27-18

Submitter: Teresa Neal, FEMA

Education Message Number: 16.1.8

Recommendation: This message is similar to 16.1.7

Committee Meeting Action: Accept in principle: never use a candle, match, lighter, or other open flame; a fireplace, stove, or other device fueled by gas, kerosene, wood, or coal; or a sparking toy when medical oxygen is in use.

Log # 28-18

Submitter: Michele Steinberg, NFPA

Education Message Number: New Chapter 16: Wildfire Safety

Recommendation: The current document has no messages about wildfire safety.

Committee Meeting Action: Accept.

Log # 29-18

Submitter: Susan Powers, Wildland Coordinator Fire Rescue Albuquerque

Education Message Number: 2017 Desk Reference

Recommendation: Nothing in the text references wildland or wildfire. I would think that this would at least be mentioned.

Committee Meeting Action: Accept. New chapter being added.

Log # 30-18

Submitter: Meri-K Appy, Fire and Life Safety Educator

Education Message Number: 17.1.7

Recommendation: Add text to provide more explanation to a challenging message: Oily and solvent-wet rags can catch on fire by themselves, even without a heat source. Store them in a tightly-sealed container, or hang them outside to dry and then put them in the trash.

Committee Meeting Action: Hold for further study. Consider this language: Oily and solvent-wet rags can combust without a heat source. Store them in a tightly-sealed metal container, or hang them outside to dry in a shady location and then discard them.

Log # 31-18

Technical review revision: Oily and solvent-wet rags can combust without a heat source. Store them in a tightly-sealed metal container, or hang them outside to dry in a shady location away from structures and then discard them.

Submitter: Teresa Neal, FEMA

Education Message Number: 17.1.9

Recommendation: Message is already covered in 167.1.4

Committee Meeting Action: Reject.

Log # 32-18

Submitter: Alan Zygmunt, Southington, CT Fire Department

Education Message Number: 17.1.10

Recommendation: Often people try to refuel hot equipment and spill gasoline. Add new message: When refueling any small motor (i.e., lawnmowers, snow blowers, string trimmers, etc.) make sure the motor has cooled prior to adding fuel. Spilled fuel can easily ignite and cause serious burns.

Committee Meeting Action: Accept.

Log # 33-18

Submitter: Teresa Neal, FEMA

Education Message Number: 19.1.9

Recommendation: Not a message we would use with the public

Committee Meeting Action: Reject.

Log # 34-18

Submitter: Marty Long, firefighter, incident commander

Education Message Number: New chapter

Recommendation: I recommend a public education message about creating a noncombustible zone around the home and to show property owners areas where fire embers can potentially burn down a home.

Committee Meeting Action: Accept. Topic to be covered in new wildfire chapter.

Log # 35-18

Submitter: Brian O'Connor, NFPA

Education Message Number: 19.1.9

Recommendation: Added "C" to the message to keep it in line with Annex F of NFPA 10: As a general rule, portable fire extinguishers for the home should have a rating of at least 2-A; 10B:C

Committee Meeting Action: Accept.

Log # 36-18

Submitter: Stephanie Stafford on behalf of Oregon

Education Message Number: Chapter 19

Recommendation: Expansion of home fire extinguisher messaging

Committee Meeting Action: Hold for further study.

Log # 37-18

Submitter: Stephanie Stafford on behalf of Oregon

Education Message Number: Chapter 19

Recommendation: Edits throughout Portable Fire Extinguishers and Firefighting Chapter

Committee Meeting Action: Hold for further study.

Log # 38-18

Submitter: Christopher Reynolds

Education Message Number: n/a

Recommendation: New chapter on University/College residence Hall/Dormitory

Committee Meeting Action: Hold for further study.

Log # 39-18

Submitter: Cynthia Ouellette, Massachusetts Department of Fire Services

Education Message Number: Messages for children: Know When to Stop, Drop, and Roll: Message 3

Recommendation: Add this language to make this more understandable for children: When fire gets on clothes:

Committee Meeting Action: Accept.

Log # 40-18

Submitter: Meri-K Appy, Fire and Life Safety Educator

Education Message Number: Messages for Kindergartners: Get Outside, Stay Outside Section.

Recommendation: Revise text to read: A) Get up and walk. Don't run, but walk as fast as you can. [Delete "briskly"] B) Know two ways out of every room...[Change from "Be aware of"]

Committee Meeting Action: Accept in principle. A) Get up and walk. Don't run, but walk as fast as you can. B) Learn two ways out of every room. It may be two doors or a door and a window.

Log # 41-18

Submitter: Frances Thompson, Hampton Fire Education Teacher

Education Message Number: Educational messages of Children: Firefighters are helpers- Preschool and Kindergarten.

Recommendation: Messages 3 and 4 be revised as follows, avoiding negative words: 3. The equipment can look different and make loud sounds, but it keeps the firefighter safe. 4. Fire fighters may look and sound different when they wear their special clothing. Visit a firefighter, watch them put on their special clothes, and see if you have any clothing that looks like their special clothing.

Committee Meeting Action: Reject.

Log # 42-18

Submitter: Meri-K Appy, Fire and Life Safety Educator

Education Message Number: Easy to read messaging on carbon monoxide.

Recommendation: Revised text: You need a carbon monoxide alarm on each floor of your home. [Delete level].

Committee Meeting Action: Reject. "Level" is clearer.

Log # 43-18

Submitter: Meri-K Appy, Fire and Life Safety Educator

Education Message Number: Easy to read messaging on smoking

Recommendation: message 7: Change "with caution" to very carefully. Delete "unattended" and replace with: Stay in the room when you charge an e-cigarette.

Committee Meeting Action: Hold for further study.

Log # 44-18

Submitter: Meri-K Appy, Fire and Life Safety Educator

Education Message Number: Easy to read messaging on cooking

Recommendation: Revise message 5: To put out a pan fire, slide a lid or a cookie sheet over the pan. Turn off the stove and let the pan cool. Do not try to move the hot pan from the burner.

Committee Meeting Action: Accept in part. To the already existing message, add: Do not move the pan.”

Log # 45-18