



Home Structure Fires

Get Out, Close the Door, and Stay Out!

NFPA Home Structure Fires Report

- More than one-quarter (26%) of reported fires in 2015-2019 occurred in homes. Even worse, three-quarters (75%) of civilian fire deaths and almost three-quarters (72%) of all reported injuries were caused by home fires.
 - Champions ESD responded to 7 fires during that same time frame that resulted in 7 injuries and 3 deaths.
- Most home fires and fire casualties result from five causes:
 - cooking, heating, electrical distribution and lighting equipment, intentional fire setting, and smoking materials.
- Over the five-year period of 2015–2019:
 - **cooking** was the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries, while
 - **smoking** was the leading cause of home fire deaths.
- Fire Safety Tips:
 - **Cooking:**
 - Don't be distracted while cooking. Unattended cooking is a leading cause of home fires.
 - **Attempting to Extinguish:**
 - Have a working fire extinguisher, but if the fire is physically bigger than you are, GET OUT, CLOSE THE DOOR, CALL 9-1-1, and STAY OUT!
 - Closing the door may help starve the fire of oxygen and limit the spread.
 - **Smoke Detectors:**
 - Have a working smoke detector on each level of the home and inside each bedroom. This means for a four-bedroom house, you will have at least 6 smoke detectors in your home.
 - Change your smoke detector batteries when you change your clocks or purchase 10-year battery life detectors. All smoke detectors must be replaced after 10 years.
 - Test smoke detectors monthly.
 - Smoke Detectors will give you advanced notice that there is a fire and provide you with precious seconds needed to escape.

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