



State Fire Report
Office of Attorney General
North Dakota State Fire Marshal
September Report
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Fires Reported for the Month	153	Total Incidents Reported	2,744
Structure Fires	43	Dollar Loss due to fire year to date	\$37,302,506
Vehicle Fire	41		
Other Fires	69		

Monthly Fire Totals											
Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
149	122	178	200	206	220	283	251	153	0	0	0

Most Reported Fire Incident Type for the Month

Building Fires.....	29.4%
Passenger Vehicle Fires.....	26%
Grass Fire.....	21%

Most Reported Heat Source for the Month

Spark, ember, or flame from operating equipment.....	16.15%
Heat from operating equipment, and arcing.....	6.92%
Undetermined.....	39.23%

Casualties Caused by Fire

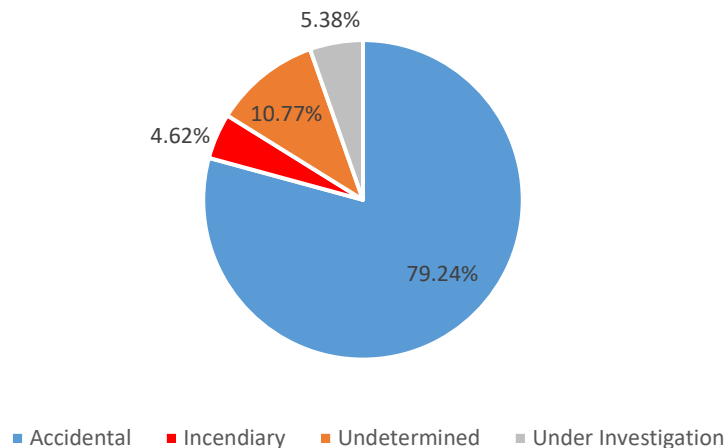
	Month	Year
Civilian Fatalities	1	14
Civilian Injuries	1	15

Incident Totals by Type for the Year

Fires	Rupture/ Explosion	Rescue (EMS)	Hazardous Conditions	Services	Good Intent	Severe Weather	Special Incidents	False Calls	Total
1,762	71	21,943	1,307	2,038	3,494	40	172	3,779	34,606

Number of Fire Departments/Districts Reporting for the Month.... 106
Number of Fire Departments/Districts Reporting for the Year..... 246/363

Fire classification percentage for the month





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From the Fire Marshal's Desk

The Certificate of Existence (CoE) program has officially opened for the year. CoE's need to be submitted to our office by October 31st. Please follow the instructions on the CoE email and set up an online account. By using the online portal and form, your information is saved over to subsequent years, requiring less data entry in future years. You can find the portal on our website at: <https://attorneygeneral.nd.gov/public-safety/fire-safety-information-0/fire-departments>.

We are happy to announce two new additions to our staff at the State Fire Marshal's Office. Laura Toth is the new Deputy Fire Marshal and is assigned to our District 5 Bismarck Office. Lydia Citta is our new Fire Data Assistant and is also located in our Bismarck Office. Lydia's primary roles will be to reach out and answer calls for help related to fire reporting and producing better data for the ND fire service. Please join us in welcoming them!

You may be noticing a new look to the Monthly Fire Report, that is because our Fire Data Assistant Lydia Citta has been working hard to give it an updated look. This has been part of making this report run more efficiently for us within the office too! Lydia also reminds those of you reporting through ER to fully review your incidents so they can be fully released to NFIRS. If you have questions or want to see other information on our monthly report, please let us know.

The public education and outreach for this month focuses on home fire escape plans. According to the United States Fire Administration, you could have less than two minutes to escape a fire in a modern home. Make sure your community stays safe by sharing the importance of working smoke alarms and how to create (and practice) a home fire escape plan.

Public Education and Outreach for the Month

National Fire Protection Association: nfpa.org/education

US Fire Administration: www.usfa.fema.gov

BE HALLOWEEN Safe

Halloween is a fun, and spooky, time of year for kids. Make trick-or-treating safe for your little monsters with a few easy safety tips.



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HALLOWEEN FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- » **When choosing a costume**, stay away from long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so he or she can see out.
- » **Provide children** with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- » Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper catch fire easily. **Keep all decorations** away from open flames and other heat sources like light bulbs and heaters.
- » **Use a battery-operated** candle or glow-stick in jack-o-lanterns. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.
- » **Remember** to keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.
- » **Make sure** all smoke alarms in the home are working.
- » **Tell children** to stay away from open flames including jack-o-lanterns with candles in them. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)

If your children are going to **Halloween parties** at others' homes, have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

Did you know?

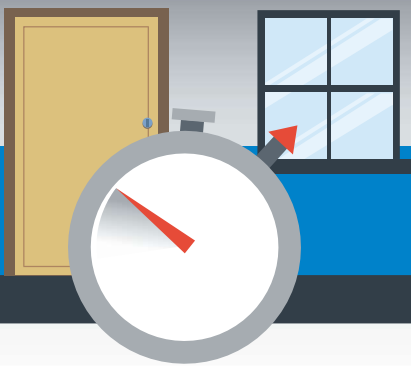


Decorations are the first thing to ignite in roughly **800** reported home fires each year. More than one-third of these fires were started by a candle.



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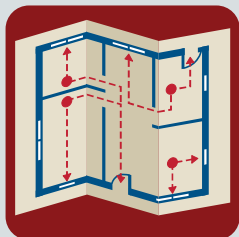


Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!™

How fast does fire move? Very fast. You could have less than 2 minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds.

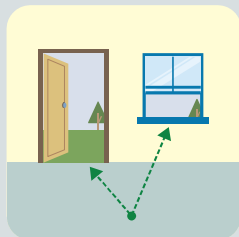
7 steps to practicing your escape plan

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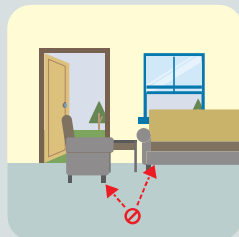
Draw a map of your home. Include all doors and windows.

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Find two ways out of every room.

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Make sure doors and windows are not blocked.

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Choose an outside meeting place in front of your home.

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Push the test button to sound the smoke alarm.

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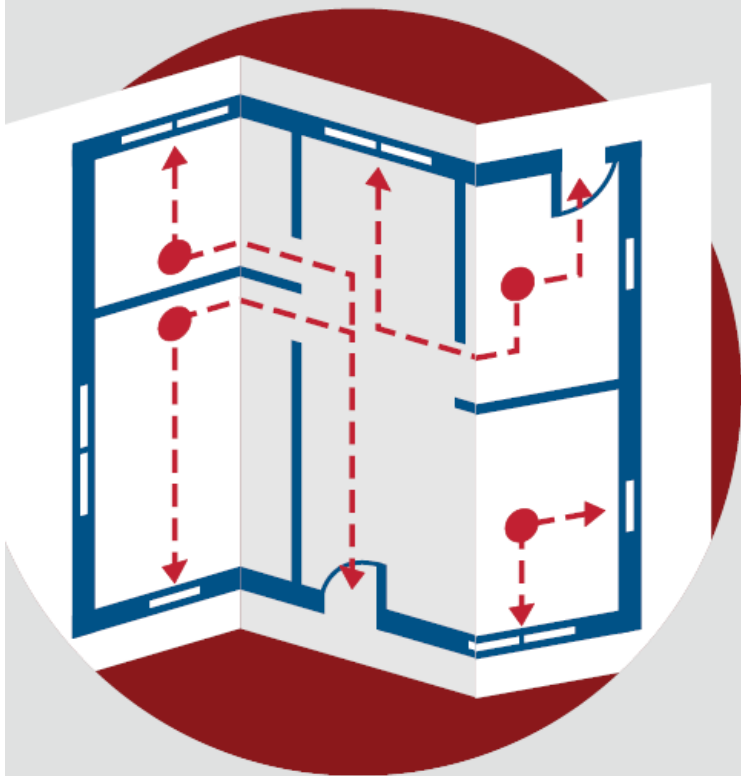
Practice your drill with everyone in the home.

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Get outside to your meeting place.

For more information about escape planning, visit:
www.usfa.fema.gov and www.nfpa.org.



Make a fire escape plan.

Talk to your family about what you should do if there is a fire. Practice your fire escape plan at least 2 times a year.



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