



RISK REDUCTION QUARTERLY

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Mission

It is our mission to save lives and property through education, engineering, and enforcement.

Core Values

- Professionalism
- Integrity
- Respect
- Consistency

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Director's Message

As our fire service and community partners work hard to ensure that safe and effective services are delivered to communities across the state, day in and day out, we recognize the importance of sharing fire safety information with our stakeholders in support of these efforts.

Our priorities include helping local fire departments *Get Ahead of the Call*, by disseminating information and implementing Community Risk Reduction (CRR) strategies at the state level, to support community resiliency and help partners speak the same language when educating the public about fire and life safety topics.



Working together extends our collective reach and is essential to supporting enhanced public safety in New Hampshire. We are excited to share this quarterly newsletter with you.



As the seasons change, practice fire safety habits.

Inside: When using a portable space heater, remember to plug it directly into the wall and not use extension cords.

Outside: As the weather warms up, check with your local fire department or municipality for any restrictions before starting an open-air, recreational, or outdoor cooking fire.

- Use generators outdoors with at least 20 feet distance from any windows and doors.



- Remove snow from around any exhaust vents.

- Keep snow & ice 3 feet away from fire hydrants.



- Safely clear roofs of ice and heavy, wet snow.

Monthly Highlights

February - Close the Door

[When escaping a fire, make sure to close the door behind you.](#) If you cannot escape, get behind a closed door and call 9-1-1. Always close your bedroom before you go to sleep.
#CloseBeforeYouDoze #HomeFireEscapePlan

March - Smoke Alarms

Make sure you have working smoke alarms inside and outside of each sleeping area, on every level of the home. Test them at least twice a year. Daylight Savings is Sunday, March 10. This is a great time to remind your community to “Change your Clock. Check your Batteries.” [NFPA has free downloads for you to use on social media.](#)
#SmokeAlarmsSaveLives

April - Cooking Fire Safety

[Stay aware, cook with care.](#) Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires. Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you must leave, even for a second, turn the stove off.
#FirePrevention #CookingSafety

Sunday, March 10

Change your clocks. Check your batteries.



SMOKE ALARMS

Equipment Loan Program

NH Fire Departments, did you know our office has resources you can request for fire station open houses or any community event.

Other community organizations are invited to partner with their local fire departments to request educational equipment and fire safety props. For any questions or to make a request, please contact us at: (603) 223-4289 or fmopubliceducation@dos.nh.gov
Items available include:

- Sparky Costume
- Sparky Robot
- Sprinkler Demonstration Trailer
- Side-by-Side Burn Trailer
- Public Education Trailer/ Incident Command Trailer
- Hazard House
- Hazard Kitchen

EMAC Message

The Educational Messages Advisory Committee (EMAC) publishes recommendations with specific messaging for fire and life safety professionals to use in public education. These messages are consistent in all NFPA and NH FMO resources. You can access the latest 2020 EMAC desk reference at nfpa.org.



1.1.1 Working smoke alarms save lives, cutting the risk of dying in a home fire in half. Smoke alarms should be installed and maintained in every home.

Smoke alarms are an important part of a home escape plan. Replace all alarms that are older than 10 years.

Print and post our downloadable [Smoke Alarm](#) Informational bulletin (flyer) at www.nh.gov/firemarshal.

On the home page’s “How Can We Help You Today” menu, select “I am here for Informational Bulletins.”

Training Opportunities for Fire Service Personnel



- Heating & Fuel Gas Appliance Inspections
- Application of the NH State Fire Code: A Scenario-Based Training

Please note: Classes are only open to personnel in the fire service and municipal code officials. For class details, please email fmo.publiceducation@dos.nh.gov.

[Register online](https://forms.office.com/g/BSXjQRb7mK) or go to <https://forms.office.com/g/BSXjQRb7mK>