



# 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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## Summer Fire Safety

With summer approaching, here are some important messages for celebrating safely with family and friends!

In New Hampshire, anyone who wishes to have a camp or cooking fire must have written permission from the landowner and a fire permit from the local fire department or the local forest warden. There is an [online fire permitting system](#), which falls under the NH Division of Forests and Lands' jurisdiction.

New Hampshire state forests don't allow camping, except in areas that are designated as state park campsites. All campground fires are subject to fire restrictions.

- All permitted camping fires must be contained within the fire ring.
- Trash burning is prohibited.
- Firewood is a major carrier of exotic insects and tree diseases.  
[Do not bring firewood from out of state locations.](#)

Fires of any kind, including cooking fires, are not permitted in NH state forests.

## Campfire Safety Tips



**If it is too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave!**



**NFPA EDUCATIONAL MESSAGES**  
2020 EDITION

**DESK REFERENCE FOR THE FIRE SERVICE**  
AND FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY EDUCATORS

*Outdoor Burning 16.1.6 When allowed, recreational fires such as campfires need to be at least 25 feet away from anything that can burn. Contained fires such as those in fire pits need to be at least 10 feet away from anything that can burn.*

- Check with your local fire department or municipality for any restrictions before starting an open-air fire, recreational fire, or outdoor cooking fire. Obtain proper permits, if required.
- Closely supervise all outdoor fires. Make sure the fire is out before leaving the area.
- Allow the wood to burn completely to ash, if possible.
- Pour lots of water on the fire; drown all embers, not just the red ones, and continue to pour until the hissing sound stops.
- Stir the campfire ashes and embers with a shovel.
- Do NOT bury the fire as it will continue to smolder and could catch roots on fire that will eventually get to the surface and start a wildfire.

# Monthly Highlights

## May - Older Adult Safety

[Older Americans Month](#) At age 65, we are twice as likely as the general population to be injured or killed by fires, and the fire service responds to more falls than fires. New Hampshire is the second oldest state in the nation. Learn more and partner with us to help reduce falls, fires, and emergency room visits among vulnerable older adults.

## June - Travel Fire Safety

This is a great time to remind others that fire safety is important wherever you are. We can use the same fire safety concepts while traveling, as at our own home. For example, know where the smoke alarms and exits are, and determine an outside meeting place with your travel group in case the alarm sounds.

## July - Fireworks Safety

Celebrating safely involves the Three Bs: “Be Prepared, Be Safe, and Be Responsible” when using New Hampshire Permissible Fireworks and celebrate safely in all of your events. For more safety information, see our consumer fireworks brochure at: <https://mm.nh.gov/files/uploads/fmo/remote-docs/celebrate-safely-fireworks-brochure.pdf>

# CELEBRATE SAFELY!



Steps to Safety™ “Prevent Fire and Falls at Home,” is an interactive fire and fall prevention program for older adults, developed by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Learn key fire and fall prevention messages and practice skills to customize the delivery of this program to fit the needs of your community in this free three-hour [online course](#), which can be found on NFPA’s website.

The course provides information, practice, and resources to get started with presentations and home visits. A completion certificate is provided. Some key messages include:

- Give space heaters space.
- Working smoke and CO alarms save lives.
- Exercise regularly.
- Wear sturdy, well-fitting shoes.

**The NH Falls Risk Reduction Task Force Annual Falls Prevention Conference**  
*Creating Connections to Prevent Falls: The Importance of Community-Based Services & Emerging Technologies*



**Wednesday, June 12, 2024 | 8:30 am - 3:30 pm**

Delivered via Zoom. CME available. [Click here for free registration.](#)

## Fireworks in New Hampshire - State Law

- Permissible fireworks are Class C consumer fireworks devices that are allowed in New Hampshire.
- They can (and must) be purchased at any licensed retail store across the state.
- Adults that are 21+ years old may buy, have, or use fireworks.
- Consumer fireworks may only be used on private property that you own, or with written permission from the landowner, or in the owner’s presence.
- All locally adopted ordinances MUST be followed. NH RSA 160:C:11 applies in all jurisdictions.
- Sky lanterns are illegal in New Hampshire.

## Training Opportunities



**Please note:** Classes are only open to personnel in the fire service and municipal code officials. To view current offerings, please visit our registration site or email directly: [fmopubliceducation@dos.nh.gov](mailto:fmopubliceducation@dos.nh.gov).

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

## 2024 Firefighter Safety Stand Down

Theme: **Fire Training: Back to Basics**

This week-long event focuses on the critical importance of responders taking care of themselves both on and off the emergency incident scene. An entire week is provided to ensure all shifts and duty crew can participate.

Visit [safetystanddown.org](http://safetystanddown.org) to learn more!

