



IN THE NEWS...

OFFICE OF THE NH STATE FIRE MARSHAL

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2018 FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: OCT 7-13th



This year's FPW campaign, "**LOOK. LISTEN. LEARN. Be Aware. Fire can happen anywhere,**" works to educate people about three basic but essential steps to take to reduce the likelihood of having a fire—and how to escape safely in the event of one:

"LOOK" for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.

"LISTEN" for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should know to meet.

"LEARN" two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.

The NFPA has everything your department will need, and we encourage your department to assist in educating our communities by using these easy ready made tools not only during Fire Prevention Week but throughout the year as well!

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NH YOUTH FIRESETTING

NH YOUTH FIRESETTER REPORTING

Each year in the United States fires that are set by youths account for a large amount of property loss, personal injury and death. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), arson is the second leading cause of residential fire deaths. Arson is also the leading cause of dollar loss from fire, exceeding over two billion dollars a year. According to the most recent NFPA report on youth set fires between 2007 and 2011, an average of 49,300 fires involving playing with fire were reported to the US municipal fire departments each year. During this same timeframe, NH reported a total of 88 youth set fires. NH youth firesetting is grossly under acknowledged and under reported. The NH State Fire Marshal's Office asks that we all be more vigilant in identifying, reporting, assessing and providing the appropriate necessary intervention.

NH STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE
NH YOUTH FIRESETTING INTERVENTION PROJECT
NEW HAMPSHIRE DATA COLLECTION FORM
COMPLETE BOTH PAGES OF FORM

AGENCY INFORMATION Incident Date: _____

CHILD INFORMATION
 (Mark one per incident) *These answers in appropriate box* Answer ALL questions*
 If more children than you reported for this incident then you must complete this page for each child

	Child 1	Child 2	Child 3	Child 4
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INCIDENT INFORMATION (One form per incident)

Number of fatalities resulting from this incident: _____

Number of injuries resulting from this incident: _____

Number of people displaced as a result of this incident: _____

Dollar loss estimate (in per report only): _____

Who was involved with this incident?
 Child and adult
 Other relatives child on involved

Original ignition source?
 Match
 Heating appliance
 Candle
 Other (specify): _____

Increased reporting will provide NH with valuable information on:

1. NH youth firesetting behaviors
2. How to assist in developing more effective intervention strategies
3. Gaining financial support through grant opportunities
4. Community awareness
5. Better data on New Hampshire youth offenders

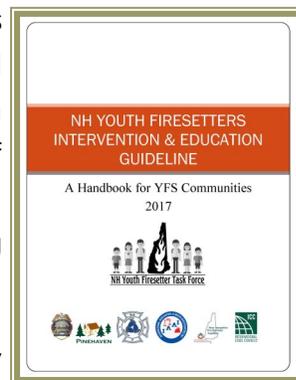
Please fill out this [NH Data Collection Form](#) with EVERY youth firesetting incident.

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NH YOUTH FIRESETTERS INTERVENTION & EDUCATION GUIDELINE

The *NH Youth Firesetters Intervention & Education Guideline* is designed as a professional resource tool to guide and assist communities and regional organizations in creating, operating and managing an effective Youth Firesetter Intervention & Education Program from the moment of notification of a youth firesetter, to performing a proper assessment, and then choosing the appropriate intervention program including educating youth firesetters and their families.

It is our hope that by providing this manual, it will provide the necessary direction and assistance to the various departments and agencies that are looking to solidify their current YFS program or establish one within their city/town or region.



For additional information please email Sheryl.Nielsen@dos.nh.gov



2018–2019 SAFETY EDUCATOR Newsletter



Since 2012 the New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Public Education Division has been distributing this invaluable newsletter not only to fire departments within the state but to educators of students in grades Pre-K through 4. Every month this newsletter is put together utilizing the variety of resources available within the fire service as well as other agencies throughout the country that work to keep our lives and communities safe.

We encourage families to read through the monthly newsletter and share it with their children, family and friends. By reading together they can create a sense of awareness and security that every member is aware and educated. As lives get busier and more hectic we often overlook the simplest things which in turn could create a hazardous situation. By educating everyone more eyes become aware and these hazards can be avoided within the home and community.

We ask that you reach out to your local superintendent, elementary school principals and teachers as well as preschool educators to make sure that this newsletter is being distributed however they see best fit: website, email distribution or printed hard copy. If you have any questions or would like to be added to the distribution list please email: Sheryl Nielsen, FMO Public Educator at Sheryl.Nielsen@dos.nh.gov.

[READ LAST YEAR'S NEWSLETTERS ►►►](#)

ONE STOP EDUCATOR: Fire & Life Safety Educator's Monthly Resource

This year, in conjunction with our monthly Safety Educator Newsletter, the NH State Fire Marshal's Office will be distributing the **ONE STOP EDUCATOR**: An Educator's One Stop Resource for Monthly Fire & Life Safety Quick Teaching Topics. It is a proven fact that life is getting busier and the one constant place where students can learn how to be safer within their environment is at school. We realize that teaching is time consuming and in response to high demands we have put together this quick reference guide that works in conjunction with our monthly newsletter. We have chosen two important topics that should be introduced/discussed within a classroom during that month. These lessons do not require a lot of educator preparation time and can be used as quick lessons, or if you choose, as a long lesson done over a period of time. During the month of September we encourage the topics of:

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS



FIREFIGHTERS ARE YOUR FRIENDS



Educators will find reputable resource links and lesson plans to support these topics. If you will be educating 3rd grade students you will find that the second topic of every **ONE STOP EDUCATOR** will support the Annual Fire & Life Safety Calendar Contest topics! Should you have any questions or comments please email Sheryl Nielsen at Sheryl.Nielsen@dos.nh.gov.

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Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

~ Nelson Mandela

STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN FIRE & LIFE SAFETY



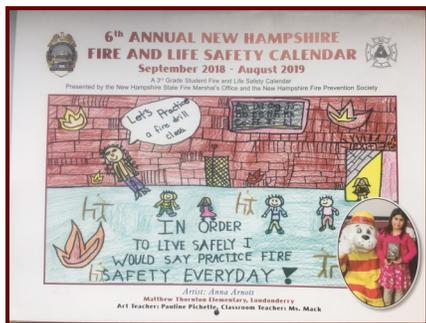
- ▶ Has a student within your community used their fire and life safety education and knowledge to help prevent a possible incident by seeking out the appropriate assistance to ensure that the situation becomes safer?
- ▶ Has a student within your community responded appropriately during an emergency, by demonstrating key fire and life safety behaviors; dialing 911 to report an incident and calmly providing information to a dispatcher; or performed a lifesaving medical maneuver?

The State Fire Marshal's Award of Excellence in Fire & Life Safety program recognizes New Hampshire students in grades prekindergarten through high school that complete an outstanding act in the area of Fire and Life Safety that benefits the lives and wellbeing of those around them. Anyone who observes or hears of a student's heroic actions during a fire and/or life threatening emergency can nominate a student by filling out an application.

Questions? please email: Sheryl.Nielsen@dos.nh.gov

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ANNUAL 3rd GRADE FIRE & LIFE SAFETY CALENDAR CONTEST



It is exciting to say that the 2019-2020 calendar will mark the 7th year for the Annual 3rd Grade Fire and Life Safety Calendar Contest. This successful calendar contest is sponsored by the NH State Fire Marshal's Office and the NH Fire Prevention Society. All 3rd Grade students are enthusiastically encouraged to participate in this year's calendar contest! Winning posters will be the monthly graphics chosen for the upcoming Fire & Life Safety School Year Calendar. We thank all fire departments and schools that have participated in the past and are encouraging all 3rd grade students to become involved. We ask that you continue to assist this year as well. Let's make this year a record making year for number of ;llllposters received! If you would like to request copies of this year's 2018-2019 school year calendar to distribute within your community to promote the contest, please call the NH State Fire Marshal's Office at 603-223-4289 or email [Mary MacCaffrie](mailto:Mary.MacCaffrie@dos.nh.gov) at Mary.MacCaffrie@dos.nh.gov.



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Going to college is an exciting time for students and their parents. Living in a new "home away from home" not only gives young adults more freedom to make their own choices, but it also puts upon them in a position of increased responsibility. Whether they are looking for a place to live or moving into a new found space, when it comes to on-and off-campus housing, it is important for students and parents to keep fire safety as a top priority.

Governor Christopher T. Sununu has signed the Campus Fire Safety Proclamation declaring September as Campus Fire Safety Month. Help support college(s) within your community by reaching out and providing them with fire and life safety information on how students can keep themselves safer as they begin to live away from home.

Click Graphics Below for More Information.



Campus Fire Safety Sheet: Handout to students to educate



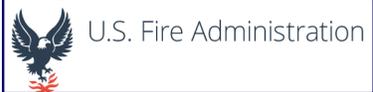
NFPA & USFA have created an infographic perfect to share on any social media outlet.



Campus Fire Safety CHECKLIST

VISIT THESE EXCELLENT RESOURCES TO Assist In Your CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY Outreach Efforts:






**Vermont and New Hampshire
FIRE SAFETY and CARBON MONOXIDE
AWARENESS & PREVENTION SUMMIT**

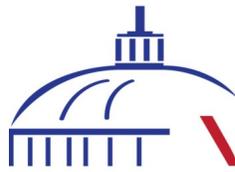


WHEN: November 6th & 7th, 2018
WHERE: Hilton Garden Inn
 135 Labombard Rd
 Lebanon, NH

FEATURING • Latest Developments and Research • Speakers from National Organizations, Regional and State Agencies • Learning Opportunities • Networking and Collaboration to Find Solutions and Share Ideas • Experiences from Incident Survivors • Resources, Information and Tools That Can Be Used to Prevent Deaths and Injuries.

Email Mary MacCaffrie for further details and questions.





Vision 20/20
National Strategies for Fire Loss Prevention



2018 MODEL PERFORMANCE SYMPOSIUM

In April fire prevention educators from across the country gathered in Reston, Virginia to share experiences of successful community risk reduction programs in their communities. There were a wide variety of presentations, such as using demographic data and fire incident data to create a risk analysis for each fire department in the state of Tennessee. Another presenter shared his experience of using skilled volunteers with unique talents during smoke alarm installations in order to find what the risks and mitigation strategies are for their residents.

Participants at the symposium took away a wide variety of tools and ideas. NOW you can catch the 2018 Vision 20/20 symposium presentations on the Vision 20/20 website!

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CRR Essentials is a new, free online course where firefighters and officers can learn the basics of Community Risk Reduction that they can use on the job every day. This self-paced course, developed through a partnership between the [Vision 20/20 Project](#) and [IFSTA ResourceOne](#), helps firefighters gain a better understanding of the importance of Community Risk Reduction to the fire service and to the community.

By taking [CRR Essentials](#), fire fighters and officers can “get ahead of the call” by learning best practices for installing smoke alarms, new fire safety technologies, proven fire and life safety messages and much more. In addition, this course offers the basics of model performance measures for proving that your CRR programs work.

LEARN MORE!

Visit The Vision 20/20 Project website for more information about CRR Essentials and to sign up for your training

MANAGING THE MESSAGE: ALL AGES • ALL MEDIA



WHEN: September 25 - 26, 2018

WHERE: Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center, Southbridge, MA

The MA Department of Fire Services invites you to attend the 24th Public Fire and Life Safety Education Conference: **Managing the Message: All Ages and All Media**. The conference will focus on the different kinds of media we can use to reach audiences. We will look at which age groups focus on which media and how to adapt safety messages to these media. Keeping the public safe from means reaching everyone where they look for information. The conference will include:

- programs for new fire and life safety educators and fire prevention officers,
- programs to challenge experienced educators,
- workshops that teach how to develop partnerships, collaborate, and expand programs.

LEARN MORE!

EMAIL Cynthia.Ouellette@mass.gov should you have any questions.

**OCT 23
2018**

8:30 am - 3:30 pm
Grappone Conference Center
Concord, NH

New Hampshire
**HEALTHY HOMES
CONFERENCE**

*Building Partnerships Between Health, Housing,
Safety, Energy & Family Service Providers*

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

The 8th Annual NH Healthy Homes Conference

Join the NH Healthy Homes and Environments section for their annual conference featuring all things 'healthy homes'. If you are a professional working in or around people's homes, you should plan on attending. Sessions this year include asthma and indoor air quality, lead poisoning prevention, tick-borne illness, accessible program messaging, and safe gardening practices, among many other topics. CEUs available. Visit the conference website for more information.

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HEADLINES

Why Children Play with Fire, and How to Stop Them.

A fire, that killed 12 people at an apartment building in the Bronx, was started by a 3-year-old boy who was playing with the burners on a stove—which he had done in the past. The cause was heart-wrenching, but the behavior is not uncommon.

[Read the full article](#)



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IN THE NEWS... Newsletter

This newsletter is compiled by the Public Education Division of the NH State Fire Marshal's Office with the intent to provide Fire & Life Safety Educators throughout the state with information that may assist them in educating their community and to provide educational opportunities to further ones' knowledge and provide networking opportunities. Please take a moment to read through the information, forward and post throughout your department. If you wish to be added to the distribution of this newsletter please email Sheryl Nielsen at Sheryl.Nielsen@dos.nh.gov.

Looking to increase your public outreach efforts?

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Current Loan Equipment Available:

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We thank you for your continued support and efforts in creating a safer and more educated New Hampshire!