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S.A.F.E.T.Y. NOTES

Solutions, Answers, Facts and Explanations To You

October is National Fire Prevention Month, a time when we should all be aware of ways to help learn fire safety and prevention. Most Americans underestimate their risk for fire, and many either lack emergency response plans – or fail to practice them with fire drills. Regardless of whether you are interested in looking at fire prevention in the home or in the work place, it is important that we spend time training and making ourselves aware of potential hazards. This month we are devoting **S.A.F.E.T.Y. NOTES** to reminding each of you to promote fire safety wherever you are.

WHY DO WE OBSERVE FIRE PREVENTION WEEK AND MONTH IN OCTOBER?

The Fire Prevention Week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire. On the 40th anniversary (1911) of the Great Chicago Fire, the Fire Marshals Association of North America (FMANA); the oldest membership section of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), sponsored the first National Fire Prevention Day, deciding to observe the anniversary as a way to keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention. In May 1919, when the NFPA held its 23rd annual meeting in Ottawa at the invitation of the Dominion Fire Prevention Association (DFPA), the NFPA and DFPA both passed resolutions urging governments in the United States and Canada to support the campaign for a common Fire Prevention Day. This was expanded to Fire Prevention Week in 1922. The non-profit NFPA, which has officially sponsored Fire Prevention Week since its inception, selects the annual theme for Fire Prevention Week. (Wikipedia)

This year Fire Prevention week is October 6-12 and the theme is **“Not Every Hero Wears A Cape”**.

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NFPA is encouraging awareness of the steps that everyone can take to raise awareness of the steps that everyone can take to become a “hero”. The primary focus is to develop a plan for escape in the event of a fire situation. Most companies have plans and practice fire drills a couple of times a year but is that enough? What about the people that have been hired since the last drill?

We know for a fact that the combustibles in today’s homes and businesses will burn faster and generate more toxins than the fires of even just a few years ago. Does your family or do your employees understand the critical nature of taking fire drills and knowing what to do seriously?

Here are some statistics that you might want to share:

- 3 of every 5** home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no working smoke alarms
- Less than **50%** of homeowners have an escape plan
- Carbon monoxide (CO) is the **#1** cause of accidental death
- 60%** of consumers do not test their smoke and CO alarms monthly
- Only **47%** of people report having CO alarms in their home
- Just **43%** of homeowners have an escape plan

NAFECO ISO SOLUTIONS

NAFECO ISO wants to take this opportunity to encourage you to inspect your fire extinguishers, install smoke alarms, develop an escape plan and take time to practice. Make sure your employees know the location of the nearest fire extinguisher and how to use it in an emergency. If you want information on fire extinguisher training and training equipment, please contact us. contact us.



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