



# IN THE NEWS...

OFFICE OF THE NH STATE FIRE MARSHAL

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The NH State Fire Marshal's Office Public Education Section would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your efforts in keeping New Hampshire citizens better educated and safer on fire and life safety topics throughout 2018. This includes education not only within their home environment, but in any environment citizens may be in as they go about their day. We have had the opportunity to participate, and hear of, the many educational outreach programs that have been conducted throughout the State. As we move into the new year, we would like to remind you of these free resources to utilize as you see fit.



Heating, holiday decorations, winter storms and candles all contribute to an increased risk of fire during the winter months. NFPA and the U.S. Fire Administration are teaming up to help reduce your risk to winter fires and other hazards, including carbon monoxide and electrical fires.

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Click on the organization below for additional free winter safety outreach materials.

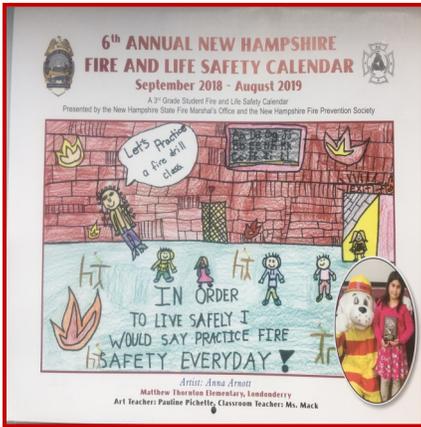
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<p><b>Home Heating Safety</b></p> <p><b>NFPA    USFA</b></p>	<p><b>Christmas Tree Safety</b></p> <p><b>CPSC    NFPA</b></p> <p><b>USFA</b></p>	<p><b>Ice Safety</b></p> <p><b>NH Fish &amp; Game</b></p>

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## 2019~2020 Annual Fire & Life Safety Calendar Contest



This year will mark the 7th year for the Annual 3rd Grade Fire & Life Safety Calendar Contest. This successful calendar contest continues to be sponsored by the NH State Fire Marshal's Office and the NH Fire Prevention Society. We need your help in encouraging local 3rd grade students to participate in this year's calendar contest. Posters must be submitted no later than Friday, February 22nd. Winning posters are chosen as the monthly graphics for the 2019-2020 Fire & Life Safety Calendar. Let's make this year's entries a record breaking year for number of posters received!

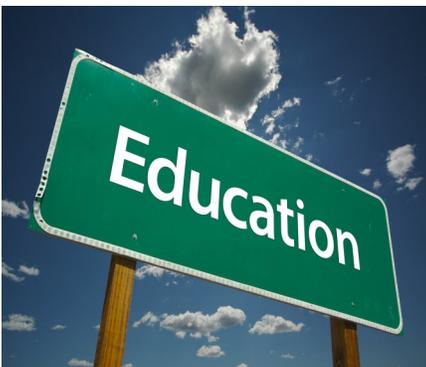
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If you would like to help sponsor this project, or request copies of the calendar to distribute throughout your department and/or 3rd grade classrooms within your community, please contact the Fire Marshal's Office at 603-223-4289 or email Mary MacCaffrie at [Mary.Maccaffrie@dos.nh.gov](mailto:Mary.Maccaffrie@dos.nh.gov)

### POWER STRIP SAFETY



Power strips and surge protectors are a bit of a mystery to some. For instance: What's the difference? Are all power strips surge protectors? Do you really need a surge protector? What sort of electrical surges are we talking about, anyway? Can you plug as many things as you want into a power strip as long as there's a spot for the plug? UL is ready to answer all of your important [questions](#).



### FIRE & LIFE SAFETY EDUCATION

The Public Education Section knows, and respects, that many agencies and departments throughout the state use and create their own fire and life safety outreach materials, props and programs to utilize within your community. We would LOVE to hear what these programs are so that you, and your department, can be recognized. Please email Sheryl Nielsen at [Sheryl.Nielsen@dos.nh.gov](mailto:Sheryl.Nielsen@dos.nh.gov) so that she can reach out to you and hear more about these programs.

Keep up the GREAT work NH!





# 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.

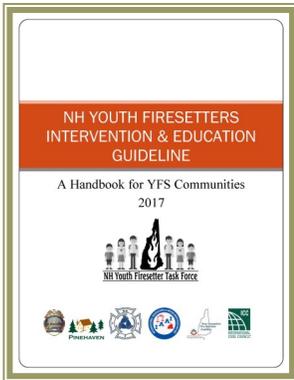
Increased reporting will provide NH with valuable information on:

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

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

## 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. This guide assists 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](mailto:Sheryl.Nielsen@dos.nh.gov)



### Youth Firesetter Article



Please share this new Youth Firesetter article with your local youth firesetter intervention task force team members. This article helps us understand the various psychological aspects and behaviors involved in youth firesetting, and the importance of identifying and assessing as well as appropriately providing proper intervention.

[CLICK HERE](#)



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

*~ Nelson Mandela*

**USFA RELEASES FIRE RISK REPORT**

In September the USFA released their most recent fire report: FIRE RISK in 2016. This report shows that the risk of fire death and injury is not the same for everyone. The report explores the risk for people living in the United States and why for some groups of people, fire risk is more severe. Please read the full report on the [USFA website](#).

Risk by age:



Adults ages 50 or older had a greater relative risk of fire death than the general population.



Adults ages 85 or older had the highest risk of fire death.



Adults ages 20-69 had a greater relative risk of fire injury than the general population.

While lower than the relative risk of the general population, children ages



4 and younger faced an elevated risk of both fire injury and death when compared to older children (ages 5 to 14).

**CAN YOU ESCAPE A BURNING BUILDING?**



It is important for residents to know how quickly fire moves and that they may only have two minutes to escape it. The **American Red Cross** has put together another tool to help share that message. The home escape quiz asks a series of questions and must be completed in two minutes or less to be successful. Share this information with your community this holiday season.

Take the [quiz](#) to find out if you could escape a burning building in time.



**DALE EARNHARDT, JR. PRACTICES HOME FIRE DRILLS**



When Dale Earnhardt, Jr. was a young child, his home caught fire. He was lucky that he escaped unharmed along with his sister Kelley. His family didn't have a home fire escape plan but were able to act fast. Dale even remembers his room being the closest to the fire, which started in the kitchen, and seeing a wall of flames. With the memory of his own experience with a residential fire and being a new parent, Dale wants other families to be safe and proactive against fire. Dale and wife Amy are working with Nationwide insurance to help educate others on home fire risks.

Visit the Nationwide website to [LEARN MORE](#)



## 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](mailto:Sheryl.Nielsen@dos.nh.gov)

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## 15th Annual NH Emergency Preparedness Conference Tuesday, June 4, 2019 Manchester, NH

The goal of the NH Emergency Preparedness Conference is to offer a program that provides NH's emergency planners and responders with the opportunity to:

- learn new ideas and practices to meet emergency preparedness challenges,
- hear lessons learned from previous planning, response, mitigation, and recovery efforts; and
- connect with key individuals and organizations across the emergency preparedness spectrum.

Now in its 15th year, attendance at the NH Emergency Preparedness Conference has grown to more than 800 participants and 50 exhibitors. The event provides excellent opportunities for training and networking with local experts and practitioners from:

**Emergency Services** – Local, county, state and federal law enforcement, fire, emergency management, dispatch, EMS, and military.

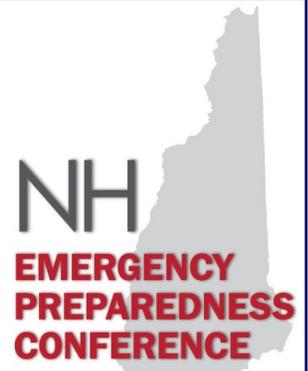
**Municipal/County/State/Federal Government** – Government leadership, corrections, health officers, building and code enforcement, and public works.

**Health Care/Behavioral Health/Public Health** – Health care providers such as hospitals, primary and specialty care providers, behavioral health providers, home care providers, long term care, and public health professionals.

**Human/Social Services** – Children/youth/senior service providers, family services, disabilities services, and other community services and faith based organizations.

**Business/Critical Infrastructure Partners** –Retail, transit, small business, media, banking, telecommunications, utilities and agriculture.

**Education/Child Care** – Public and private K-12, higher education, and child care providers.



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**There is no cost to attend this event.**

**Registration for the 2019 event will be in the Spring.**



# CONFERENCE & EXPO

JUNE 17-20, 2019  
SAN ANTONIO, TX

From the increasing frequency of natural disasters to the growing ubiquity of energy storage systems, it's clear the world is changing more rapidly than ever before. And so is the need for safety.

The NFPA Conference & Expo® is the essential event for fire, electrical, and life safety professionals. It's an opportunity to learn more about the latest challenges around the world and the cutting-edge solutions to deal with them. Hear from dozens of world-class speakers, visit with hundreds of exhibitors, share expertise with others, and connect with a global network of colleagues all under one roof.

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## SIGN UP TODAY FOR NH ALERTS

The NH Alerts app, and all of its features, are free. This app will provide you with the alerts that you have selected within the app settings upon signing up. These alerts include weather alerts, emergency alerts, community alerts, and missing persons alerts.

**LEARN MORE!**



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## IN THE NEWS... Newsletter

This newsletter is compiled by the Public Education Section 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](mailto: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!