



# DID YOU KNOW?

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## CONFINED FIRES

The National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) defines EXTENSION (which determines confinement) as:

### **FLAME DAMAGE BEYOND THE OBJECT OF ORIGIN**

Therefore, for fire spread to be CONFINED, there cannot be EXTENSION of flame damage beyond the non-combustible object of origin. When flames from a fire scorch, char, melt, or otherwise cause damage beyond the non-combustible object of origin during a structure fire, the incident must be coded as 111 or 112, not 113-118.

*Example:* Food left in pot on stove began to burn; smoke, **no damage outside the pot**. Provided ventilation.

113-Structure - Cooking fire, CONFINED to container	Fire	Details	
	Details	Fire Spread Confined to Object of Origin:	<input type="radio"/> N-No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y-Yes

*Example:* Food left in pot on stove began to burn; smoke, **cabinet was scorched**. Provided ventilation.

111-Structure - Building fire	Fire	Details	
	Details	Fire Spread Confined to Object of Origin:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N-No <input type="radio"/> Y-Yes

## DAD JOKE

**Q: Why don't skeletons go on dates?**

**A: Because they have no body to go with**

Source: [Documenting Confined Structure Fires \(fema.gov\)](https://www.fema.gov/document/nfirs-documenting-confined-structure-fires)

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