

# Safety Meeting Topic

## September Monthly Safety Topic

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In preparation for National Campus Fire Safety Month (September) and National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) National Fire Prevention Week (October 5-11), EH&S wants to remind you that fire prevention and fire safety are of paramount importance to ASU. Please review both EH&S and NFPA's website to obtain more information and training opportunities related to fire safety and prevention as well as emergency preparedness. If you have not already done so, please review the information available at following websites:

<http://www.asu.edu/uagc/EHS/emevacplans.htm> and <http://www.asu.edu/uagc/emergency/>

Although Campus Fire Safety Month is geared towards faculty, staff, and students while on campus, it is also important to improve your ability to protect you and your family at home or anywhere while off campus. Fire incidents (death, injuries, and property loss) still remain a concern in America making fire safety and prevention awareness important both on and off the job.

NFPA's Fire Prevention Week for 2008 focuses on "Prevent Home Fires." Fire data reflects there are more than 400,000 fire emergency responses to residential homes each year in America. I am sure you would agree that your home should be a safe place to live but with over 400,000 home fires each year, we need work together as a community to increase fire prevention awareness to help prevent home fires. Combined efforts with this year's campaign to prevent home fires with last year's campaign to plan a fire escape, your home can become that safe haven we all expect it to be.

According to a poll conducted for NFPA, the majority of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, most haven't practiced it. And, three-quarters of Americans believe they have 10 minutes or less until a fire turns deadly.

Excluding arson/intentionally set fires or reckless burning, the majority of fires in the home occur due to one of the following (this is also similar to fire statistics for commercial facilities as well):

- Cooking, Candles, Electrical (loose wiring, short, frayed, overloaded, etc...), and Smoking (cigarettes, cigars, pipe, etc...)

Let's work together to make your work place and your home a safe place by taking the necessary measures to prevent fires.

For those wanting more information on National Fire Prevention Week, please visit the National Fire Prevention Association website at <http://www.firepreventionweek.org>

Remember, you must receive Fire Safety and Prevention training in order to use a fire extinguisher at ASU. Training is available through EH&S. You can register at <http://www.asu.edu/uagc/EHS/trainingschedule.htm> If you have any questions related to fire safety and prevention please contact EH&S at (480) 965-1823 or email at [EHS@asu.edu](mailto:EHS@asu.edu).