**School Safety Month Resources**

Week 2 – Fire Safety

# Day 1: Fire Prevention

A fire can happen anywhere, whether you’re at home, at the office, or at school. A small flame can turn into a major fire in less than 30 seconds. Check out these [3 essential steps](https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Campaigns/Fire-Prevention-Week) to preventing the likelihood of starting a fire: <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Campaigns/Fire-Prevention-Week>

# Day 2: Fire Safety in the Workplace

Are you up to date on your workplace safety plan? Make sure you know where to go in the event of an emergency. If you aren’t sure, speak to your supervisor and ask to see the emergency exit routes.

Here are some tips to helping keep your workplace safe:

* Know where fire extinguishers are and how to use them
* Use extension cords for temporary wiring only
* Keep your desk and floor free of waste paper and dust

Review this Quick Reference Guide for emergencies to view samples on what to do during emergency situations: <https://www.sccoe.org/resources/emergencyinfo/Pages/Emergency-Reference.aspx>

# Day 3: Fire Safety at Home

Would you know what to do if a fire started in your home? Preparation and prevention are key to keeping your family and home safe from a fire. Develop a plan before an emergency happens and practice at least twice a year. Check your home for fire hazards periodically using this [Home First Safety Inspection](http://www.sccfd.org/images/documents/community_education/safety_education/InspectionChecklist_2017.pdf) checklist: <http://www.sccfd.org/images/documents/community_education/safety_education/InspectionChecklist_2017.pdf>

Working smoke alarms can increase your chance of surviving a fire by up to 50%! Install smoke alarms on every level of your house, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas. Be sure to test your smoke alarms every month and change the batteries every year. <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/By-topic/Smoke-alarms>

# Day 4: Fire Safety at School

According to the National Fire Protection Association, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated average of 4,980 structure fires in educational properties each year from 2011-2015. [School safety](https://www.sccoe.org/news/featured/Pages/School-Safety-Guidance-and-Resources.aspx) starts with leadership. [Prepare a school safety plan](https://rems.ed.gov/docs/REMS_K-12_Guide_508.pdf) and train staff on what to do in the event of a fire. To be sure your students are safe and know the protocols, perform fire drills throughout the year to prepare students to respond should disaster strike.

# Day 5: Wildfire Safety

How can you protect yourself when a wildfire occurs near you? Dry conditions in the United States have increased the number of [wildfires](https://www.ready.gov/wildfires) occurring yearly in California. [When a wildfire occurs](https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/By-topic/Wildfire/Wildfire-safety-tips), check the air report on [AirNow.gov](https://www.airnow.gov/) and keeping indoor air clean by keeping doors and windows shut. Here are some ways to reduce indoor smoke exposure during times when air is polluted by wildfire smoke: <https://www3.epa.gov/airnow/smoke_fires/reduce-your-smoke-exposure.pdf>

Did you know the American Red Cross has an Emergency Alert app that allows you to monitor conditions in your area or the area of loved ones, prepare your family and your home, and check to see if loved ones are safe and let them know you’re safe? This app is a must for individuals who live in areas prone to fires, or have loved ones that do. <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/emergency-by-american-red/id954783878?mt=8>