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Fire Prevention Week Emphasizes Home Safety

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-October 8, 2018-Steamboat Springs Fire Rescue (SSFR) will observe Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 8-12, 2018 with a series of safety tips, educational outreach programs, public safety messages including the daily safety tip, and overall general safety awareness for the community.

“As we know, seconds can mean the difference between a safe escape and a tragedy in a fire,” said Mel Stewart, Fire Chief. “While fire prevention should be practiced every day, this week brings special attention to the topic and what we all can do to minimize potential threats.”

The latest statistics from the [National Fire Protection Association](#) (NFPA) show that if you have a reported fire in your home, you are more likely to die today than you were a few decades ago. NFPA reports that the majority of U.S. fire deaths (four out of five) occur at home each year. In fact, the fire death rate (per 1000 home fires reported to the fire department) was 10 percent higher in 2016 than in 1980.

Throughout the week, SSFR will focus on a specific aspect of home fire safety providing tips and education that applies to children to adults. During prevention week, SSFR will address the following through tip sheets, [social media](#) posts and select school events:

Monday, October 8 - Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

Tuesday, October 9 - Heating Safety

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths?

Wednesday, October 10 – Carbon Monoxide Safety

Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

Thursday, October 11 - Cooking Safety

Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries?

Friday, October 12 - Escape Plans

Plan Ahead! If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

Since 1922, the NFPA has sponsored the public observance of Fire Prevention Week. In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in the country. Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9 in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage. During Fire Prevention Week, children, adults, and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire.

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