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## Carbon monoxide safety

Carbon monoxide is often called the silent killer. It 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. Watch a video of NFPA's Ben Evarts explaining why carbon monoxide is dangerous and download our safety tip sheet. You will also find a new infographic as part of the "Put a Freeze on Winter Fires" campaign.

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### Tips to stay safe when it is cold outside

We all know that the winter cold can be dangerous. But turning up the heat to combat the chill can also be a fire risk if heating equipment is not properly used. Take a few minutes and read our heating tip sheet and make sure your home is safe this winter.

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### Make a winter wonderland

This month's Sparky activity brings the snow inside and makes your home nice and wintery, without the cold. Kids will also learn about the three-foot "kid-free zone" around space heaters.

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### New eCard teaches cooking safety

Sparky the Fire Dog teaches the three little bears about the three-foot "kid-free zone" around the stove. Send this charming eCard to your friends and family today.

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### Remembering When™ program highlight

Check out the new version of the Remembering When (RW) program! Full of free tools to help facilitators deliver this worthwhile fire and fall prevention program for older adults. Organizers can use this eye-catching promotional poster to inform older adults about upcoming RW presentations and activities.

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### NFPA needs your feedback

Please take a few minutes to participate in a short survey to help give NFPA some insight, and help us to continue providing you with information where and when you would like to receive it. The survey relates to the ways that you prefer to receive your news, both generally and from NFPA specifically.

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### Read NFPA's new home candle fires report

During 2007-2011, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated average of 10,630 home structure fires started by candles per year. These fires caused an annual average of 115 civilian deaths, 903 civilian fire injuries, and \$418 million in direct property damage.

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### Large-loss fires in the U.S. in 2012

NFPA reports annually on large-loss fires and explosions that occurred in the United States the year before. Last year, according to the "Fire Loss in the United States During 2012" U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 1,375,000 structure and non-structure fires, which caused an estimated loss of \$12.4 billion.

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### Deadline approaches for educators' award applications

Fire and life safety educators who work for a local fire department and show excellence and innovation in reaching out to their communities with NFPA's materials and programs, have until February 21, 2014 to apply for the Fire and Life Safety Educator of the Year award.

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How old are your smoke alarms?



All smoke alarms need to be replaced when they are 10 years old.

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The Public Education Division works to eliminate fire deaths and injuries through effective public education programs for everyone. We also work to ensure that materials are developed to reach those at highest risk; including young children, older adults, residents in low-income communities and people with disabilities.

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