

Protect Your Family From Fire

According to USFA's *Residential Building Fires (2007–2009)*:

- An estimated **374,900 residential building fires** are reported to U.S. fire departments each year and cause an estimated 2,630 deaths, 13,075 injuries, and \$7.6 billion in property loss.
- **Cooking is the leading cause** of residential building fires, followed by heating.
- **Residential building fires peak over the evening dinner hours** when cooking fires are prevalent.



You can protect your family by installing smoke alarms on every level of your home, test them once a month, change the batteries at least once a year, and make and practice a home fire escape plan.



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For information and resources on this subject, visit **www.usfa.fema.gov/citizens/focus**