

Bureau Of Fire Investigation

Investigative Management and Reporting System

Annual Comparison of Fire Injuries by Cause



Cause of Fire	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Aerosol Can	3			1	
Appliance Cord	2	1	3	7	11
Arc Welding				2	5
Ballast		1			
Barbecue - Propane			1		1
Barbecue - Wood/Charcoal					2
Candle	45	22	25	49	57
Carbon Monoxide Incident	14	1	3		2
Child Playing w/ Other Open Flame	5	6		3	4
Child Playing w/Matches/Lighter	21	11	4	11	31
Clothes Dryer - Electric				2	
Clothes Dryer - Natural Gas					11
Computer Component(s)			1	2	2
Cooking Fire Extending to Clothing or Combustibles	12	10	1	3	6
Dishwasher			1		
Electrical Wiring	10	13	15	29	61

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Electrocution - Electrical Burns to Person	1	1			4
Exothermic Chemical Reaction			1	1	
Extension Cord	22	29	27	44	52
Feeder Cable			1	7	1
Fireplace	1				
Fireworks Related	4	6	1	1	1
Fuse/Circuit Breaker Panel	3	2	2	3	2
Hard Wire Outlet	2	1	2		8
Headquarters Investigation				1	
Heat From Molten Metal / Slag				1	1
Heat from Light Bulb	5	2	6	1	5
Heat from an Iron	1				
Heat or Sparks from Friction	2	1	6	2	4
Holiday Lighting			5	8	
Hot Embers			2		
Ignitable Liquid-Polyurethane/Varnish/PaintThinner	8	9	9	12	5

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Ignitable Liquids/Gases - Fuel Oil		1	1		
Ignitable Liquids/Gases - Gasoline	4	6	1	1	8
Ignitable Liquids/Gases - Natural Gas	2	4	6	4	16
Ignitable Liquids/Gases - Pesticide Fogger		5	7		1
Ignitable Liquids/Gases - Propane		1		1	
Incendiary	5	9	1	14	1
Incendiary - Attempted Suicide	1		1		2
Incendiary - Combustible Material	7	9	10	8	43
Incendiary - Explosives	1				
Incendiary - Fireworks	1	1			1
Incendiary - Ignitable Liquid	25	10	5	7	10
Incendiary - Self Immolation	1	1	1		2
Incendiary - Suicide		4	1		
Incendiary - Torch - Illegal Use of			1	1	
Incense	1				5
Lighting Fixture	4	2		2	10

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Matches/Lighter	6	6	12	11	8
Motors - Fan					1
Motors - Subway					6
Not Ascertained	1	5		1	6
Other			4		4
Other - Electrical	1		5	6	10
Other - Hot Objects	2	3	1		4
Other - Ignitable Liquid/Gas	1	2	8	6	3
Other - Liquid	6	1	2		4
Other - No Fire	4	3	1	5	6
Other - Open Flame		2	15	5	2
Other Appliance	1	4		1	7
Other Motor	1	1	2	1	
Permanent Heater - Electric				4	
Permanent Heater - Gas	1				
Permanent Heater - Oil		1		1	3

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Portable Heater	1				1
Portable Heater - Electric	12	1	1	5	7
Portable Heater - Kerosene		1			
Portable Heater - Propane				1	
Power Strip	2	4		4	6
Radio/Stereo					1
Refrigeration Compressor			1		
Service					1
Sewer Gas		1			
Smoking (Cigarette/Cigar)	30	37	27	50	59
Spontaneous Combustion			1		
Stove - Natural Gas	10	8	4	4	11
Stove - Microwave	2	2		1	1
Stove - Propane			1		
Stove/Cooking - Electric	13	4	1		1
Stove/Cooking - Fryer		1	1		5

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Stove/Cooking - Other		4	2	1	13
Stove/Cooking - Stove	6	15	24	27	57
Stove/Cooking - Toaster Oven		4			1
Surge Suppressor		1			
TV		1		1	1
Torch - Legal Use of	1	2	1	3	2
Transformer	1	4			
Under Investigation					2
Vehicle Wiring	1	2		1	1
Grand Total All Causes	316	289	265	367	609