



## 2008 Fire Prevention Week Fast Facts

**Knowing the facts is the key to fire safety.**

### Home Fire Facts

- In 2006, there were 396,000 reported home fires in the United States, resulting in 2,580 deaths, 12,500 injuries and 6.8 billion in direct property damage.
- 50% of home fire deaths resulted from fires reported from 11 pm to 7 pm, but only 20% of home fires occur between those hours.
- Heating equipment and smoking are the leading causes of civilian home fire deaths.

### Stand by your pan.

- Cooking fires are the #1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries.
- Unattended cooking is the leading cause in home cooking fires. More than half of all cooking fire injuries occurred when people tried to fight the fire themselves.
- Most home cooking fires (67%) start with the range or stove.

### It's electric!

- 20,900 home fires were electrical in cause.

### Stay safe, stay warm.

- Heating fires are the second-leading cause of home fires.
- Nearly half (44%) of all home heating fires occurred in December, January and February.
- Space heaters were involved in one-third (32%) of home heating fires, but in three-fourths (73%) of the deaths in 2005.



