

Fire-Related Injuries in Florida

SURVEILLANCE DATA: 2013

FLORIDA INJURY PREVENTION

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Fire-related injuries are caused from smoke, fire, or flames, and can include burns, poisonings, smoke inhalation & other injuries.



In 2013, 83 Florida residents died from fire-related injuries. There were an additional 533 hospitalizations for non-fatal fire-related injuries.



Cooking is the leading cause of home fires & fire-related injuries in the U.S.¹

Don't overload extension cords or wall sockets. Keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn: furniture, blankets, curtains & paper products.

Plan & practice a fire escape route. If there's a fire—get out & stay out. Never go back into a burning house.

Your home should have working smoke alarms located on every floor, bedroom & each hallway outside of every sleeping area. Change batteries at least once a year.

1. U.S. Fire Administration (USFA)

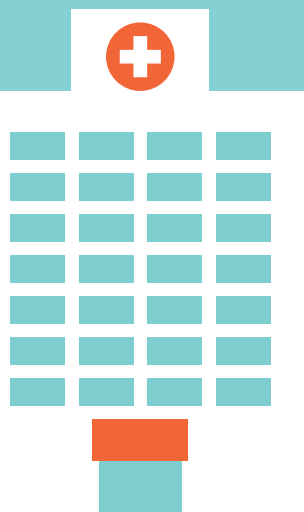
Fire Safety at Home.



Own & learn how to use a fire extinguisher.

Fire-Related Deaths & Injury Rates per 100,000

Hospitalizations	
YEAR	RATE
2009	3.0
2010	3.0
2011	3.1
2012	2.8
2013	2.8



LEARN MORE: U.S. Fire Administration: www.usfa.fema.gov
National Safety Council: www.nsc.org
Consumer Product Safety Commission: www.cpsc.gov

Deaths	
YEAR	RATE
2009	0.7
2010	0.6
2011	0.5
2012	0.5
2013	0.4



The median length of hospital stay was 4 days for fire-related injuries.

Non-fatal fire-related hospitalization was 2.7 times higher in males than females.

Male and female fatality rates were similar.



Adults, ages 45–54 had the highest rate of hospitalizations for non-fatal fire-related injuries.



Who is Injured?

Percent of deaths & non-fatal hospitalizations combined by race:

- Whites 75%
- Blacks 11%
- Non-Whites 12%

Males accounted for **59%** of fire-related deaths & **75%** of non-fatal hospitalizations.
Females, **41%** of deaths & **25%** of hospitalizations.



The oldest age groups, had some of the highest fire-related fatalities.

	FEMALE	MALE	WHITE	BLACK	OTHER & NON-WHITE	BOTH SEXES/ ALL RACES
DEATHS	34	49	66	15	2	83
NON-FATAL HOSPITALIZATIONS	132	401	395	55	74	533

Economic Impact on Florida



\$41,039.00

The median admission charge for non-fatal fire-related injury hospitalizations.

\$54+ MILLION

Total cost of hospitalizations.

4 DAYS

The median length of a hospital stay.

Fire-Related Hospitalizations

Medicaid
26%

Commercial Insurance
24%

Who Pays?

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