

# October 2024 Safety Calendar: Fire protection best practices



This calendar is designed to enhance safety awareness and provide a better understanding of specific loss exposures and best practices to reduce those exposures. Each month will contain a safety topic and daily associated tips. See the following page for weekly topics.

**Fire protection best practices:** In 2022, local fire departments responded to an estimated 1.5 million fires in the United States. These fires caused 3,790 civilian fire deaths and 13,250 reported civilian fire injuries. The property damage caused by these fires was estimated at \$18 billion. Good fire prevention and protection practices are essential to the safety of staff and guests as well as the protection of property.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Training in fire safety practices	<b>2</b> Inspection of heat and flame producing equipment	<b>3</b> IR testing of electrical systems	<b>4</b> Inspection and testing of fire extinguishers and of fire exit egress	<b>5</b> Repair or replacement of damaged equipment
<b>Week 1: Fire prevention</b>						
<b>6</b> Inspection of smoke and heat detectors	<b>7</b> Testing of detectors	<b>8</b> Battery replacement	<b>9</b> Maintenance of alarm systems	<b>10</b> Ensuring of audibility of warning and evacuation signals	<b>11</b> Training in incipient fire recognition	<b>12</b> Maintenance of ventilation and exhaust systems
<b>Week 2: Fire detection</b>						
<b>13</b> Proper selection and placement for portable fire extinguishers	<b>14</b> Inspection of fire extinguishers	<b>15</b> Recharging of portable fire extinguishers	<b>16</b> Training in use of portable fire extinguishers	<b>17</b> Testing and maintenance of kitchen fire extinguishment systems	<b>18</b> Sprinkler system inspection	<b>19</b> Sprinkler system water flow testing
<b>Week 3: Fire extinguishment</b>						
<b>20</b> Posting of emergency service numbers	<b>21</b> State or municipality mandated inspections	<b>22</b> Evacuation practices by fire departments	<b>23</b> Communication with paid or volunteer fire officials	<b>24</b> Fire hydrant or private water source inspection and maintenance	<b>25</b> Clearance of and designated area for staging a firefighting effort	<b>26</b> Training of fire brigade, if necessary
<b>Week 4: Public services</b>						
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Halloween		

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### Week 1

#### Fire prevention

1. Training in fire safety practices
2. Inspection of heat and flame producing equipment
3. IR testing of electrical systems
4. Inspection and testing of fire extinguishers and of fire exit egress
5. Repair or replacement of damaged equipment

### Week 2

#### Fire detection

1. Inspection of smoke and heat detectors
2. Testing of detectors
3. Battery replacement
4. Maintenance of alarm systems
5. Ensuring of audibility of warning and evacuation signals
6. Training in incipient fire recognition
7. Maintenance of ventilation and exhaust systems

### Week 3

#### Fire extinguishment

1. Proper selection and placement for portable fire extinguishers
2. Inspection of fire extinguishers
3. Recharging of portable fire extinguishers
4. Training in use of portable fire extinguishers
5. Testing and maintenance of kitchen fire extinguishment systems
6. Sprinkler system inspection
7. Sprinkler system water flow testing

### Week 4

#### Public services

1. Posting of emergency service numbers
2. State or municipality mandated inspections
3. Evacuation practices by fire departments
4. Communication with paid or volunteer fire officials
5. Fire hydrant or private water source inspection and maintenance
6. Clearance of and designated area for staging a firefighting effort
7. Training of fire brigade, if necessary

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