

October is National Fire Prevention Month

100th Anniversary of National Fire Prevention Week

In 2019 alone, more than 18,000 office and store fires in the United States resulted in \$744 million in property damage, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) marks October 9–15 as the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week—use this time to refresh your knowledge of ways to keep your workplace and home safe.



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Items we use every day, such as heaters, overloaded electrical outlets and cords, and office and home equipment are common causes of both workplace and home fires. Check out the information and resources available from the National Safety Council (NSC), FEMA, and the NFPA:

NSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Video: Spot the Fire Hazard• Video: Workplace Fire Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Poster: Hot Tips• Poster: Fire Extinguisher Use
NFPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fire Prevention Week (FPW) (nfpa.org)	
American Red Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Home Fire Prevention & Safety Tips	
FEMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Home Fire Safety Brochure (fema.gov)	

For additional information on the SMCX's services, please visit the SMCX-hosted website at: <https://www.smscx.org/>.