



Wisconsin Fire Inspectors Association

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On Monday, May 16th, 2022 a man was killed in a house fire in Milwaukee. This tragedy marks the 33rd civilian home fire death in the State of Wisconsin so far in 2022. This is especially heartbreaking because there were only 40 civilian home fire deaths in Wisconsin in 2021, and that was down from 52 in 2020. Clearly, we are facing an upward trend in civilian home fire deaths.

The Wisconsin State Fire Inspectors Association (WSFIA) urges Wisconsinites to be fire safe. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the top five causes of residential structure fires are cooking, heating, electrical, smoking, and candles. WSFIA recommends all Wisconsin residents:

- Install smoke alarms inside and outside each sleeping area, and on every level of your home.
- Test smoke alarms monthly.
- Sleep with bedroom doors closed to prevent the spread of smoke and fire.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking or baking. According to the National Fire Protection Association, cooking is the number one cause of home fires.
- Develop and practice an escape plan.

Without a home fire sprinkler system, home fires can become deadly in as little as two minutes. Following the safety tips listed above will help limit the danger of a home fire, as well as give you time to escape a burning home. At this point in time, the Wisconsin fire service is in crisis mode to prevent any further fire deaths. Please, assist us in our quest to keep more of our family members, friends, and neighbors from dying in home fires.

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