



During the month of October, the Indian Health Service Head Start Program will distribute weekly Fire Prevention Tips to observe *Fire Safety Month*.

You can make a difference, not only at your Head Start centers, but also in your homes.

To utilize community-based participatory approaches for fire safety you must be aware of the issues, your partners, available materials, proper dissemination of materials and issues, and how to build coalitions. This newsletter will focus on national partnership resources.

***There are free fire resources you can download from a variety of websites, such as:***

- The U.S. Fire Administration provides informational resources that are free and are available in a variety of formats. Please see <https://www.usfa.dhs.gov/applications/publications>
- The Home Safety Council provides several guidance documents on burn prevention, cooking safety, handling kitchen fires, and many more fire prevention tips. Please see [http://www.homesafetycouncil.org/safetyguide/sg\\_fire\\_w001.asp](http://www.homesafetycouncil.org/safetyguide/sg_fire_w001.asp)
- The National Fire Protection Association's theme this year for fire prevention week was "Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned." Several pieces of information regarding information for teachers, kids and families, fast facts, etc., can be downloaded. Please see <http://www.nfpa.org>
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provides several fact sheets, research and activities, and publications for public use. Please see <http://www.cdc.gov/homeandrecreationalsafety/fire-prevention>
- FireSafety.gov is another excellent resource that includes information provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the U.S. Fire Administration. Please see <http://www.firesafety.gov>
- FireSafety.gov for kids is an excellent tool to use in your Head Start classes with the children. Please see <http://www.firesafety.gov/kids/>
- Please visit the Indian Health Service Injury Prevention website for information on the Sleep Safe Fire Safety Program at [www.injprev.ihs.gov/index.cfm?module=toolbox](http://www.injprev.ihs.gov/index.cfm?module=toolbox).

Local fire departments will be able to provide local fire safety resources that are available in your community.

Please invite your local firefighters to your Head Start centers to talk to the children about fire safety.