



Nursing Home Structure Fire Fact Sheet

In 2002-2005, an estimated 2,810 structure fires in nursing homes were reported to municipal fire departments annually.

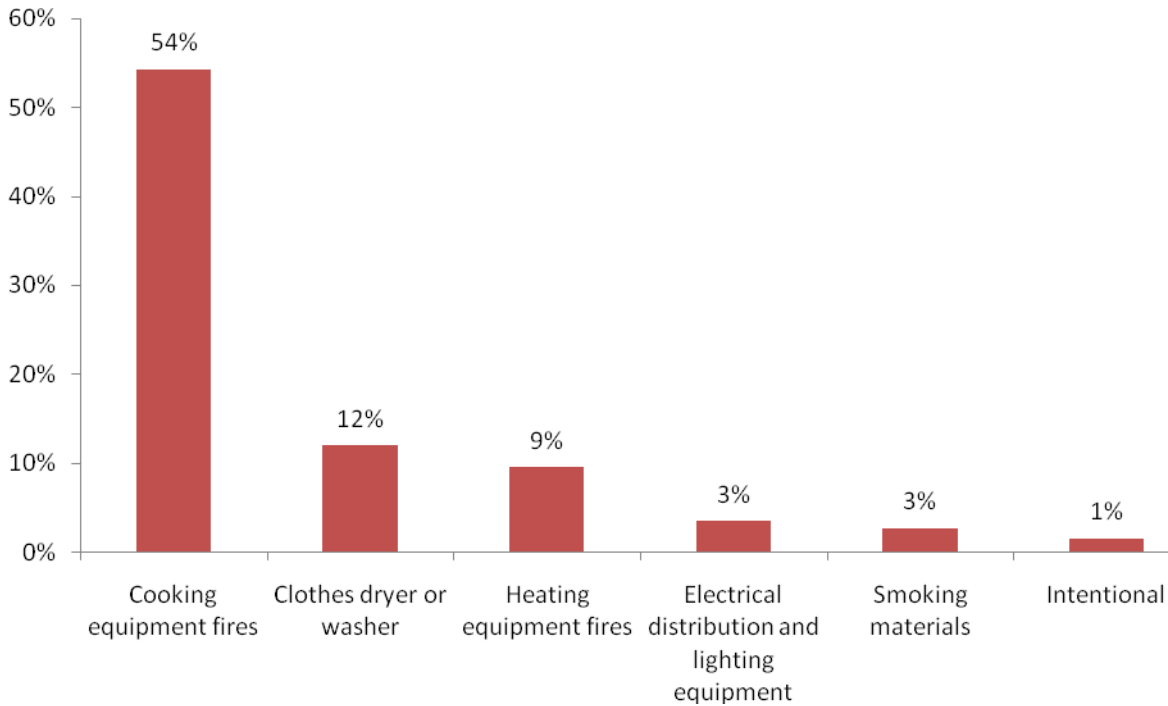
These fires resulted in an estimated 16 civilian deaths, 130 civilian injuries, and \$6.6 million in direct property damage, annually.

The kitchen was the leading area of origin for nursing home structure fires; the bedroom was the leading area of origin for civilian fire casualties.

Fires that began with mattress or bedding material and electrical wiring or cable insulation caused a disproportionate share of civilian deaths and injuries.

The deadliest nursing home fire during this period was an intentional fire set in a Connecticut nursing home, killing 16 people and injuring dozens.

Leading Cause of Structure Fires in Nursing Homes, 2002-2005



Source: NFIRS and NFPA Survey

- The death rate per 1,000 fires was 94% lower when automatic suppression systems were present in nursing home structure fires.
- The death rate per thousand non-confined fires was almost sixteen times as high when automatic extinguishing equipment was not present.