

# College of Engineering Safety Standard

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## Safety Starts with you

### October is Fire Prevention Month

October is Fire Prevention Month! The goal of Fire Prevention Month (and week October 6th - 12th) is to raise fire safety awareness and help protect homes and families. In 1922, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) named the second week of October Fire Prevention Week in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire in 1871. Today, we celebrate Fire Prevention Week and Month by spreading fire safety awareness and educating families, students and communities across the United States with help from our partners and local fire departments.

### Did You Know?

Fire Prevention week is the perfect time to educate and talk with your whole family about fire safety – include testing alarms, [changing the batteries](#) or upgrading to 10-year sealed battery alarms, [how to use a fire extinguisher](#) and escape route planning.

- 3 of every 5 home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no working smoke alarms
- Less than 50% of homeowners have an escape plan
- Carbon monoxide (CO) is the #1 cause of accidental poisoning in the US
- 60% of consumers do not test their smoke and CO alarms monthly\*
- Only 47% of people report having CO alarms in their home
- Just 43% of homeowners have an escape plan\*
- Unattended cooking is the #1 cause of home fires



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