

SMOKING FIRE SAFETY



Smoking is a leading cause of fire deaths. Learn to be a responsible smoker. Put it out. All the way. Every time. Putting a cigarette out in a pail with sand. The improper use and disposal of smoking materials (of all kinds) is the leading cause of fire deaths in Massachusetts. Smoking fires can smolder undetected for a long time before bursting into flames whether it is on a bed, in a sofa, or a pile of mulch. Be a responsible smoker and put out smoking materials completely and safely. Every time.

[Click here for more information about smoking safety.](#)

COOKING FIRE AND BURN SAFETY



Cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Learn to protect your home and family from cooking fires and burns. Teach your family and friends to “put a lid on it”, “stand by your pan”, and “keep it clean”.

[Click here for more information about cooking safety tips.](#)

ELECTRICAL FIRE SAFETY



Learn how to protect your home and family from electrical fires. Every year, people die in electrical fires in homes. Electrical fires are one of the leading causes of death for people over age 65. Learn how to safely charge your phones, and laptops, appliances.

[Click here for more information about electrical fire safety.](#)

GRILLING SAFETY



Every year, grilling fires cause injuries and property damage. Learn to grill safely.

Many people enjoy barbecuing in the summer months. But when grills are not used safely, things can go horribly wrong. Every year, fire departments respond to hundreds of fires involving grills, hibachis, and barbecues. These fires cause injuries and property damage. For safe grilling, always follow your owner's manual and practice the safety tips provided here.

[Click here for more information about grilling safety.](#)

OPEN BURNING & FIRE PIT RESTRICTIONS



Open burning including the use of firepits is not allowed in the City of Lawrence in accordance with the MassDEP open burning regulation. Open burning does not include burning conducted through a stack, chimney, duct, or pipe or burning conducted primarily for cooking.

[Click here for more information about open burning.](#)

FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL



Fireworks are illegal in Massachusetts because they are dangerous. There have been 979 fires and explosions involving illegal fireworks in Massachusetts in the past 10 years. These incidents caused dozens of injuries to firefighters and civilians, along with millions of dollars in damages.

All fireworks are illegal in Massachusetts for private residents. Massachusetts law prohibits the possession, use, and sale of fireworks by unlicensed individuals, even if you buy them legally in another state.

[Click here for more information about Fireworks.](#)

NIGHT CLUBS, CROWD MANAGER REGULATIONS, AND TRAINING PROGRAM



Every Massachusetts nightclub, dance hall, **discothèque** or bar must have at least one Crowd Manager. The 2003 Rhode Island Station Nightclub fire killed 100 people and injured 230. After the tragedy, Massachusetts passed new fire safety rules for nightclubs, dance halls, **discothèques**, and bars. One change that improved nightclub safety is the rule that a trained crowd manager be on duty when nightclubs are open.

[Click here for more information about crowd manager regulations.](#)

PREVENTING AND TREATING BURNS AND SCALDS



The leading burn problem in Massachusetts is hot liquid scalds to children under age 5. Learn to prevent and treat burns from hot liquid and burns from fire and heat. In 2022, there were 266 burn injuries reported to the Massachusetts Burn Injury Reporting System. Children under 5 are at disproportionate risk of suffering burn injuries. Learn about Tap Water Safety, Hot Drink Safety, Cooking Safety, and more.

[Click here for more information about burns and scalds.](#)

ICE AND COLD WATER SAFETY



Each year many people are injured from exposure to cold water. Learn how to protect yourself and your family by being prepared to call 9-1-1 immediately if someone falls into cold water or through ice and never go out on ice. Learn what it means to reach, throw or row.

[Click here for more information about cold water safety.](#)