



# SAFETY DIRECTOR MESSAGE



## NATIONAL BURN AWARENESS WEEK

National Burn Awareness Week is the first full week in February every year and will be observed from February 4<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> in 2024. , This is a great opportunity for organizations to mobilize burn, fire, and life safety educators to unite in sharing a common burn awareness and prevention message in our communities.

In the United States, more than 400,000 people receive medical care for the treatment of burn injuries every year. The majority of these injuries are preventable. The American Burn Association strives to bring awareness to the causes of such devastating and costly injuries and encourages everyone to make simple environmental and behavioral changes that can save lives.

Most burn injuries occur at home, but nearly 10% of all burn injuries occur in the workplace.

The causes of burns are not limited to getting too close to a fire or accidentally hitting the inside edge of the oven while cooking. The 2024 Burn Awareness Week Campaign is Flammable Liquid Burns.

The [American Burn Association](#) always puts together a [great toolkit](#) you can use in your agency to share the message of burn awareness and prevention. Resource materials include ideas on how your agency can participate in Burn Awareness Week, fact sheets, statistics, posters, and social media posts. Lists of prevention tips that you can share with employees and their families are also included.

### Proclamation

Send the [National Burn Awareness Week Proclamation](#) to your local government officials to request official recognition of the week.

### Burn Prevention Fact Sheets

[Cooking Safety for All](#)

[Cooking Safety for Older Adults](#)

[Gasoline Safety](#)

[Non-Fire Cooking Burns](#)