



Alfred Station Fire Company

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Fire Prevention

Alfred Station Fire Company

and Our Community

Working Together

Fire Prevention Week – October 8th - 14th, 2006

Once again, the fall season is upon those of us who call Western New York "Home". The leaves are changing and temperatures are getting cooler as we begin the annual ritual of preparing our homes for winter.

The members of the Alfred Station Fire Company would like to remind community members that Saturday, October 8th is the beginning of National Fire Prevention Week which runs through October 14th. Each year, the National Fire Protection Association recognizes the calendar week in which October 9th falls as *Fire Prevention Week*. On October 9, 1871, the Great Chicago Fire occurred, killing over 300 people and causing more than \$200 million dollars in property damage.

Fire Prevention Week is an excellent opportunity to teach and *re-teach* children and family members about the dangers of fire, how to prevent fire and fire-related injuries. The theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week is Prevent Cooking Fires, and the official slogan chosen by the National Fire Protection Association is "Watch What You Heat". The NFPA chose this theme to increase cooking fire awareness after recognizing more fires start in the kitchen than in any other part of the home.

Fire Company members emphasize that this is also a great time for some additional fire safety reminders as well.

- Always use extreme caution when cooking and NEVER leave the kitchen while cooking is in progress. Unattended Cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires.
- Set up a Three (3) Foot area around the stove/oven as a **Kid Free Zone** to keep children from potential harm.
- Ensure working smoke detectors are properly installed throughout your homes.
- Ensure working Carbon Monoxide detectors are properly installed throughout your home.
- Change the batteries in all of your smoke and CO detectors twice a year (spring and fall) and test each detector once a month.
- Replace smoke detectors every few years (NFPA recommendation is 10 years).
- Ensure each family member knows your emergency numbers (in the Alfred area dial 911 for emergencies).
- Plan escape routes from the home in case of fire and ensure that each family member knows how to safely exit the home and where to meet once outside the home. You can even conduct "fire drills" in the home. Remember, once you have safely exited the home - never go back into the home.
- Review personal fire safety behaviors such as, "Stop, Drop and Roll" and "Crawl Low Under Smoke"

You are invited to visit the company's website:

www.AlfredStationFireCompany.com

and additional Fire Safety and Fire Prevention Week information can be found by clicking on the following links; "Home Fire Prevention and Safety Tips" and "Fire Prevention Week"

Members of the Alfred Station Fire Company encourage community members to learn more about fire prevention and fire safety in the home and workplace.

Remember, **"Fire Prevention is our Strongest Fire Fighting Tool."**