Regional Networking

To keep abreast of issues related to fires and burn injuries, the Arson Bureau utilizes a regional networking program. Bureau investigators interact with fire investigation teams, fire coordinators, and burn treatment facilities to address their problems or concerns.

Offices

Albany Office
1 Commerce Plaza - Suite 500
99 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12210
phone - 518.474.6746
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Academy of Fire Science
600 College Avenue
Montour Falls, NY 14865
phone - 607.535.7136
fax - 607.535.4841

Syracuse Office
333 E. Washington Street - Suite 513
Syracuse, NY 13202
phone - 315.428.4037
fax - 315.428.3293

Oneonta Office
28 Hill Street - Suite 124
Oneonta, NY 13820
phone - 607.433.2857
fax - 607.433.2896

To Report a Burn Injury Call the
Burn Injury Reporting Hotline
1-800-345-5811

If you have questions about the burn injury reporting system call 518.474.6746 or your regional office during regular business hours.

Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services
What Needs to be Reported under the Law?

- 2nd or 3rd degree burns to 5% or more body surface area
- Any burns to the Upper Respiratory Tract
- Laryngeal Edema due to inhalation of super-heated air
- Any burn which may result in death

All medical facilities that treat a burn injury meeting these criteria are required to report, not just the initial treating facility!

How To Report Burn Injuries

Immediately call the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control 24-hour hotline at:

1-800-345-5811

Tell the operator you are reporting a burn injury and be prepared to provide the following information as required on the burn card:

- victim’s name, address and DOB
- address where burn occurred
- date and time of injury
- degree(s) of burns and % BSA burned
- area(s) of body injured
- injury severity
- apparent cause of burn injury
- name and address of reporting facility
- attending physician

AND Complete the Burn Injury Report form and submit within 72 hours using the postage-paid burn injury reporting card

Why Report?

- Identifying Arsonists
  - investigators use the data to see if an arsonist was treated for a burn injury received while committing a crime
- Burn Prevention
  - used to identify problems that need to be addressed through public education, regulation, or development of intervention strategies
- It’s the Law!

New York State Penal Law

§265.26. Burn injury and wounds to be reported.

Every case of a burn injury or wound, where the victim sustained second or third degree burns to five percent or more of the body and/or any burns to the upper respiratory tract or laryngeal edema due to the inhalation of super-heated air, every case of a burn injury or wound which is likely to or may result in death, shall be reported at once to the office of fire prevention and control. The state fire administrator shall accept the report and notify the proper investigatory agency. A written report shall also be provided to the office of fire prevention and control within seventy-two hours. The report shall be made by (a) the physician attending or treating the case; or (b) the manager, superintendent or other person in charge, whenever such case is treated in a hospital, sanitarium, institution or other medical facility.

The intentional failure to make such report is a class A misdemeanor.

percentages of burns by cause

- Fires: 24.1%
- Chemical: 4.5%
- Cooking: 13.1%
- Contact hot object: 13.5%
- Hot liquid: 34.9%
- Other: 6.8%

13296 burn injuries reported 2004 - 2008