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Queen Creek recognizes October as Fire Prevention Month

Every year, the Town of Queen Creek recognizes October as Fire Prevention Month. This year, the Queen Creek Fire Department is reminding residents to “Stay Fire Smart! Don’t Get Burned.” Residents are encouraged to take time to focus on ways to keep their home fire safe and prevent painful burns.

Each year roughly 3,000 people die as a result of home fires and burns and more than 200,000 individuals are seen in the nation’s emergency rooms for burn injuries. “The most common types of burn injuries result from fire, these include flame burns, scalds and contact burns,” said Jon Spezzacatena, Queen Creek Fire Marshal. “Keeping our homes safe from fire and preventing devastating burn injuries is a healthy change we can make happen.”

By following simple safety rules, you can “Stay Fire Smart! Don’t Get Burned.”

- Keep hot foods and liquids away from tables and counter edges so they cannot be pulled or knocked over.
- Have a 3-foot “kid-free” zone around the stove.
- Never hold a child in your arms while preparing hot food or drinking a hot beverage.
- Install tamper-resistant receptacles into electrical outlets.
- Never leave a child alone with a lit candle, portable heater or hot appliance.
- Set your hot water temperature no higher than 120 degrees.

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Queen Creek fire fighters will be talking to kindergarteners and first graders throughout the month about how to escape a house fire and will give kids a hands-on simulation to evacuate in a mock house with smoke effects.

For more information about the Queen Creek Fire Department or for additional safety tips, visit www.queencreek.org.

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