



SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

Renton Regional Fire Authority

FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY EDUCATION

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Halloween Safety

Everyone loves a good scare on Halloween, but not when it comes to child safety. There are several easy and effective behaviors that parents and community members can share with kids to help reduce their risk of injury.

Top Tips for Halloween Safety:

1. Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers. If possible, choose light colored costumes for better driver visibility while walking on dark roads.
2. Masks can obstruct a child's vision, try using non-toxic paint and/or make-up instead.
3. When selecting a costume make sure it is the right size to avoid trips and falls.
4. Popular trick-or-treat hours are 5:30-9:30 so be sure to be especially aware of children out.
5. Have kids use glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.



October is Fire Prevention Month



This year's Fire Prevention Week™ (FPW™) campaign, "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention™," works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe when cooking.

Following are key messages behind this year's "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention":

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire ----- oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains ---- away from your stovetop.

If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire.....

- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire....

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 from outside the home.



Significant Incident Monthly Summary: September 2023

- **1,563 Total Incidents (RFA Responses)**
- 6 Significant Incidents
- 2 Significant EMS Call
- 4 Significant Fire Calls
- 0 Significant Special Ops Calls

Incident Details:

- On September 5, 2023, Renton RFA responded to a natural vegetation fire in Station 11's area on the 200 block of Mill Ave S. Renton RFA responded with 3 engines, 1 aid unit and 2 officer rigs for a total of 13 RRFA personnel. Citizens alerted Station 11 crews of an active fire near the Renton History Museum. Crews reported heavy smoke and flames extending above the south side of the local bike shop. On arrival they found a few trees on fire next to the bike shop and upgraded to a commercial response. Firefighters began their fire attack. One unit completed a primary search for any fire extension inside the building. The ladder unit checked for fire extension on the roof – none was found. After a secondary search the incident was downgraded, and the scene was turned over to the fire investigation where it is under investigation.
- On September 6, 2023, Renton RFA responded to a residential fire in Station 13's area on the 108200 block of SE 173rd St. Renton RFA responded with Puget Sound Regional Fire. Dispatch stated the source was from an explosion of the hot water heater. An off-duty police officer reported the fire and noted the homeowner had evacuated. Crews arrived on scene at a small single-story house with smoke coming from the eaves on the front and side. Units completed a search around the structure and began their fire attack. Firefighters completed a primary search, checked for any fire extension, and found no fire, but smoke in the attic. Crews completed ventilation and escorted the resident through the home to gather belongings. Puget Sound Energy arrived, and the scene was turned over to the fire investigator and determined the fire accidental.
- On September 6, 2023, Renton RFA responded to a vehicle/bicycle accident in Station 11's area on the residential street near 1700 Benson Rd S. Renton RFA responded with King County Medic One. Crews arrived on scene to an injured bicyclist lying on the side of the road, approximately 50 ft from where the car stopped. Crews provided patient care then transferred care to KC Medic One, who transported the patient to Harborview Medical Center.
- On September 9, 2023, Renton RFA responded to a residential fire in Station 17's area on the 18100 block of 141st Ave SE. Renton RFA responded with Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority. Units arrived at a two-story single-family home with nothing visible and investigated. One resident who was outside reported smoke coming from the window on the side. Crews found heavy smoke from an upstairs bedroom. The room had blackout coverings on the window, obscuring signs of smoke from the exterior. Firefighters found flames under the bed and extinguished them. They checked for fire extension and reported nothing found. The scene was turned over to King County fire investigators.
- On September 30, 2023, Renton RFA responded to a residential fire on a mutual aid call (outside of jurisdiction) on the 11800 block of 78th Ave S in Seattle (Skyway). Renton RFA responded with King County Fire District #20, Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority, King County Sheriff. The first units arrived on scene and reported light smoke showing behind the home. Firefighters completed a 360 search of the structure and reported no additional hazards. Crews began their fire attack with the ladder unit assigned to the roof. Units completed primary and secondary searches of the structure then began ventilation and air monitoring. There were reports from the King County Sheriff that the fire was intentionally started by one resident, who was in custody. Seattle utilities and the Red Cross were called for the homeowners. The KC Fire Investigator was notified.

•On September 30, 2023, Renton RFA responded to medical call in Station 17's area on the 4000 block of Maple Valley Hwy at the Maplewood Golf Course. Renton RFA responded with Renton Police and King County Medic One. The crew arrived on scene to find a patient who collapsed on the course. Bystanders had initiated CPR followed by CPR and use of a defibrillator by responding Renton Police. Renton RFA crew took over CPR efforts until KC Medic One arrived on scene and took over the patient care/CPR. Units were unable to resuscitate the patient.

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