



Keeping you Knowledgeable, Safe, and in Compliance!

**Ernest A. Emerson
Fire Protection Resource Library**

A Volume From the Library



Teaching senior citizens about fire & life safety

Reminding senior citizens about fire and life safety will help save them from injury and death, as well as save those who care for them, including YOU!

When we think about teaching fire and life safety, we often forget about senior citizens. Even when we know they need help taking care of themselves, we forget to remind them about being safe around the house. They, like everyone else, need reminders on ways to be safe to protect themselves from injury, loss of property, and even loss of life.

According to the USFA, 1,000 senior citizens die in fires each year. This is because they often live alone and are slow to respond to emergencies. Seniors are also more vulnerable to accidents and injury than the general population due to a combination of factors including mental and physical frailties, greater use of medications, and an elevated likelihood of living in a poverty situation.

New Library materials to take back to your community.

The TCFP Library recently acquired a program you can bring to your senior citizen community - It focuses on both fire safety and fall prevention. Check it out today!

[Remembering When:](#)

[a fire and fall prevention program for older adults.](#)

The NFPA also provides complimentary resources [online](#) for use with the program.

These TCFP Library videos can also help educate your senior communities. Reserve your copy today by clicking on the links below.

[AT OUR AGE WITH TOM BOSLEY: SENIORS PREVENTING FIRE AND FALLS](#)

[PRACTICE FOR LIFE: FIRE EVACUATION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND THE DISABLED](#)

For assistance in choosing training materials, or to make recommendations for additions to the library, please contact Laura Bucaro, the commission librarian at (512) 936-3833, via e-mail at library@tcfp.state.tx.us, or visit the [Emerson Library](#) at the commission's headquarters facility during regular business hours.

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Post-Incident Analysis

This month our injury blog, [Avoid Injury!](#) is focusing on post-incident analyses.

These can be very valuable for your department—for training and for avoiding injury.

Learn more today!

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