

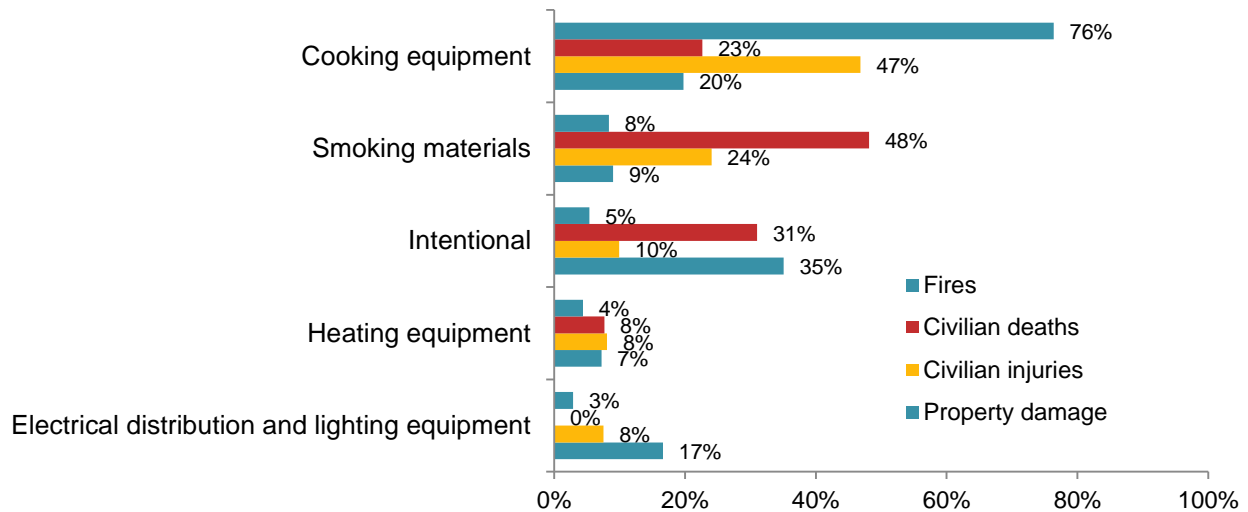


STRUCTURE FIRES IN BOARDING OR ROOMING HOUSES FACT SHEET

During 2009-2013, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated average of 2,800 structure fires in boarding or rooming houses properties per year. These fires caused annual averages of:

- 18 civilian deaths
- 78 civilian injuries
- \$28 million in property damage

**Structure Fires in Boarding or Rooming Houses
by Leading Cause: 2009-2013**



- Almost half (48%) of the deaths in these incidents resulted from fires started by smoking materials. Almost one-third (31%) of the deaths were caused by intentional fires.
- Cooking was the leading cause of fires in these properties. More than two-thirds (70%) of fires in these properties were coded as cooking fires confined to the object of origin.
- Overall, 82% of fires in these properties did not spread beyond the object of origin.
- Fires in rooming and boarding houses are more common during the afternoon and early evening.
- NFPA's 2013 report, [U.S. Experience with Sprinklers](#), shows that in 2007-2011, sprinklers were present in 37% of reported fires in these properties. The death rate per thousand reported fires was 84% lower and direct property damage was 69% lower in properties with wet pipe sprinklers than in facilities with no automatic extinguishing systems.

Source: NFPA, Fire Analysis & Research Division, www.nfpa.org