MASSACHUSETTS FIRES IN 2014









Structure arson increased by 3% and motor vehicle arson decreased 12% from 2013 to 2014. Since 1985, motor vehicle arson has fallen 98.7%. For statistical purposes, a fire is considered arson when the cause is listed as intentional & age is not a factor or the person involved was over 18. This definition excludes many "suspicious" and juvenile-set fires.

Motor Vehicle Arson by Year

Massachusetts Fire Deaths in 2014

Civilian Fire Deaths Fire Deaths by Year 70 Men 61 60 Women 50% 54 52 39% 49 50 $\Lambda\Lambda$ 44 39 40 37 36 30 20 10 Children 11% 0 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014

- 42 fatal fires killed 54 civilians 27 men, 21 women and six people under 18.
- Two firefighters died in fire-related incidents.
- Twenty-eight percent (28%) of fatal fire victims were older adults (over 65).
- Fire deaths increased by 23% from the 44 deaths reported in 2013.
- Over three-quarters (78%) of the civilian fire victims died in their homes.
- In 2014, electrical fires were the leading cause of residential fire deaths; electrical fires caused eight or 36% of home fire deaths.



Causes of Residential Structure Fire Deaths

Test your smoke alarm and plan your escape! Fire doesn't wait!

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