

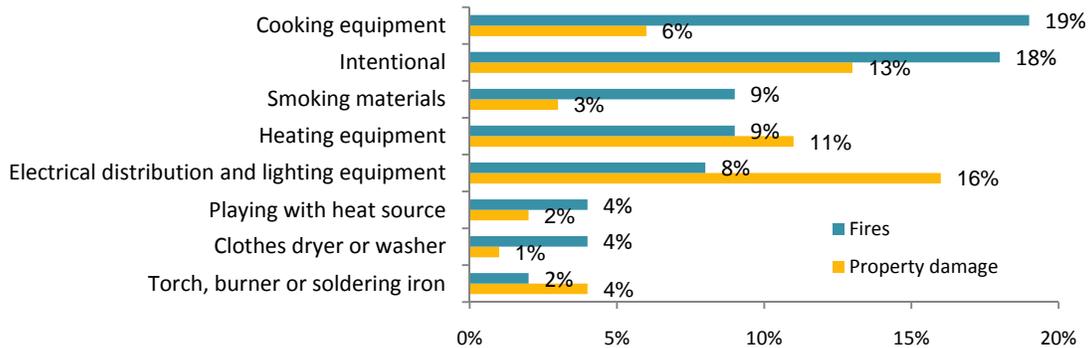


## Non-Residential Structure Fires Fact Sheet (Hotels and Motels were also included)

In 2005-2009, local fire departments responded to an estimated average of 115,500 structure fires in non-residential and hotel/motel properties per year. These fires resulted in annual averages of:

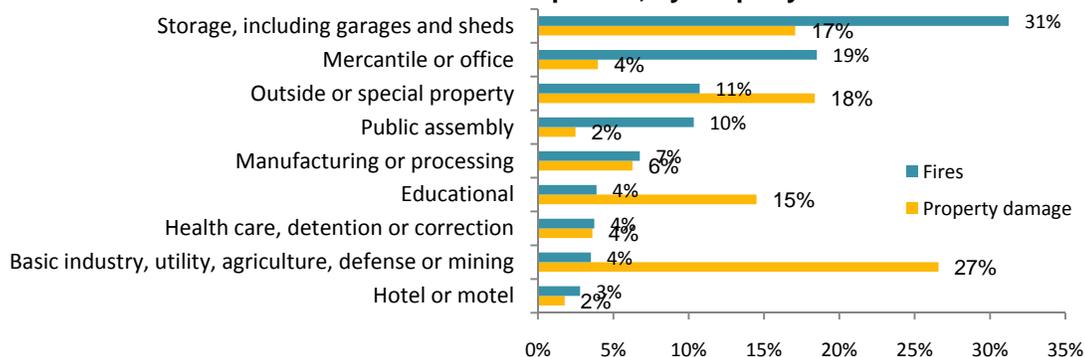
- 110 civilian fire deaths,
  - 1,610 civilian injuries, and
  - \$3.1 billion in direct property damage.
- One out of every 5 such fires was a contained trash or rubbish fire that did not spread to other contents or the structure itself.
  - In three of every five fires in these properties, flame damage was confined to the object of origin. Fire spread beyond the room of origin in only one-quarter (28%) of these fires.
  - Cooking equipment was involved in one of every five (19%) of the fires in these properties. Eighteen percent were intentionally set.
  - Sixteen percent of the direct property damage was caused by fires involving electrical distribution or lighting equipment.

### Leading Cause of Structure Fires in Non-Residential\* Properties: 2005-2009



- Roughly one-third of these fires (31%) occurred in storage properties, including garages and sheds.
- One-quarter (27%) of the direct property damage resulted from fires in basic industry, utilities, agriculture, defense or mining.

### Structure Fires in Non-Residential\* Properties, by Property Use: 2005-2009



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Estimates were derived from the U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) and NFPA's annual fire department experience survey. [More information about fires in specific occupancies](#)