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OCTOBER IS NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

The goal of Fire Prevention Month is to raise fire safety awareness and help ensure that your business, home, and family have plans in place to be ready for the unexpected.

Here are 5 simple steps you can implement in your workplace and home:

- 1. Maintain Your Fire Prevention Systems** - In addition to installing and testing smoke alarms on every level of your building, it's also essential to routinely inspect and maintain your sprinkler systems and other fire protection components.
- 2. Don't Forget Your Fire Extinguishers** - Put extinguishers in locations that are visible and easily accessible. Make sure everyone in the office knows where to find them and how to operate them.
- 3. Be Aware of Overloaded Circuits and Extension Cords** - When using any outlet, check the fit and condition of the plug to avoid loose or dangerous electrical connections. Also, avoid placing cords or wires under rugs or in pathways.
- 4. Keep Your Space Clear** - Prevent clutter and obstructions from building up in high traffic areas. This could lead to potential trip hazards and block exit routes in an emergency.
- 5. Create a Fire Evacuation Plan** - Have multiple exits routes. Make sure every member of your team is aware of the plan and what to do based on where they're located within the office. Designate an outside meeting space that's a safe distance away from your building.



While prevention and preparedness are key, fires can still happen in the blink of an eye. According to the [National Fire Protection Association](#), a structure fire is reported every 65 seconds. When the alarm sounds, emergency responders and fire departments answer the call for help with quick and decisive action. Once the smoke clears, [BELFOR's fire restoration services](#) team stands ready to help with the same rapid response – 24-hours a day, 365 days a year.

BELFOR “MAKES A DIFFERENCE” IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES

BELFOR Sacramento recently joined Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento for a group build day! The team cleared debris and built the form for the foundation of a new house. The home will allow the family to live safely without concerns of mold, offer space to accommodate their growing family, and provide features that will meet their accessibility and mobility needs.



**Mark Your Calendars:
National Make a Difference Day is October 24th!**

Here are a few ideas to help you celebrate National Make a Difference Day in your community:

- Start a community garden
- Build a free library box
- Take part in a park beautification project
- Volunteer at a local food bank
- Clean-up leaves and litter in your neighborhood

DID YOU KNOW?

Soot removal is often one of the most difficult aspects of the fire restoration process. At BELFOR, we've developed a unique technique of soot removal which can be carried out more quickly and effectively. Our **Soot Removal Film (SRF)** provides an environmentally friendly and highly effective solution to soot removal in just a few simple steps. With our process, the SRF gently peels away soot, dust, and other contaminants from walls and other surfaces. [Click here](#) to learn more about BELFOR's smoke and soot removal capabilities.



BELFOR FRANCHISE GROUP SPOTLIGHT: MEET HOODZ INTERNATIONAL

Commercial kitchens are highly susceptible to fires, and three out of every five fires in drinking and eating establishments are caused by cooking equipment. These fires are dangerous and costly, but many can be prevented with proper cleaning and maintenance. As a part of [BELFOR Franchise Group](#), [HOODZ International's](#) mission is to keep facilities, employees, and customers safe by providing comprehensive cleaning, maintenance, code compliance, and fire prevention solutions for commercial kitchens everywhere. [Click here](#) to learn more!

