

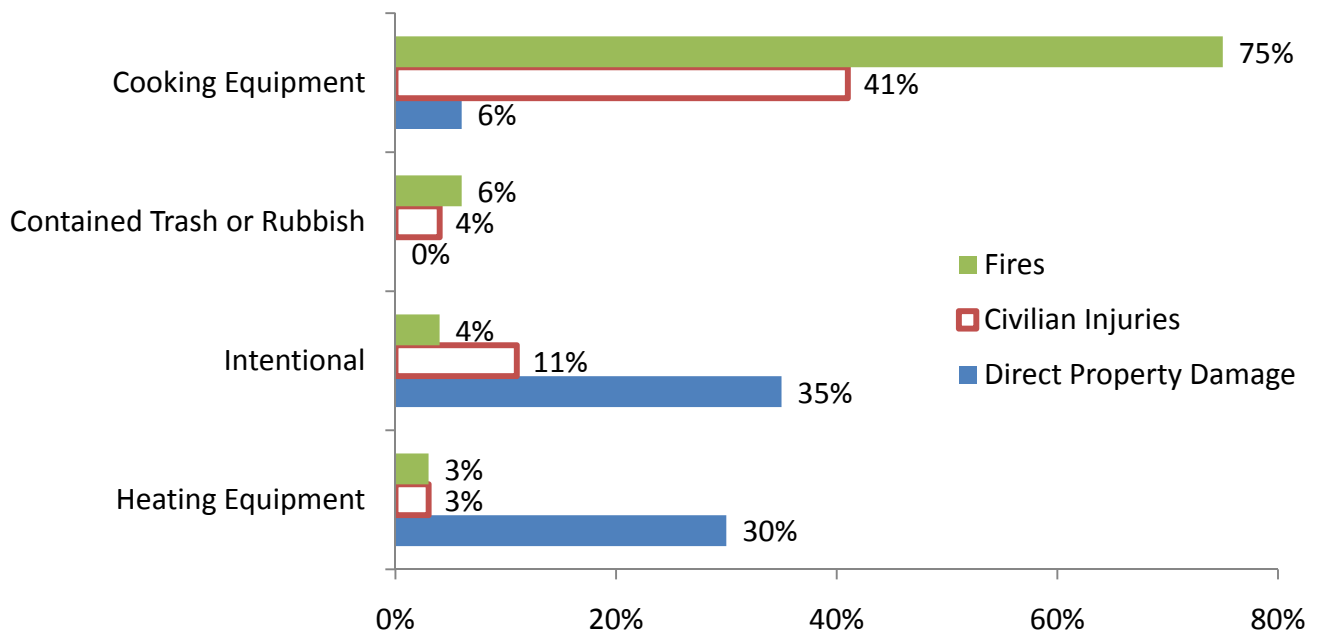


Dormitory, Fraternity, Sorority and Barrack Structure Fires

In 2003-2006, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated annual average of **3,570 structure fires** in dormitories, fraternities, sororities, and barracks that resulted in **7 civilian deaths**, **54 civilian fire injuries**, and **\$29.4 million** in direct property damage, annually.

Estimates are derived from the U.S. Fire Administration National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) Version 5.0 and NFPA's annual fire department experience survey

Leading Cause of Fires, Civilian Injuries, and Direct Property Damage in Structure Fires Involving Dormitories, Fraternities, Sororities, and Barracks, 2003-2006 Annual Averages



- **Smoking materials** caused 2% of structure fires in these properties, but resulted in 39% of the deaths.
- **75%** of the reported structure fires **involved cooking equipment**. 72% of fires were specifically reported as contained or confined to cooking equipment.
- **Structure fires** in dormitories, fraternities, sororities, and barracks are **more common during the evening hours** between 5 p.m. and 11 p.m., and on weekends.