

Fire Kills Nineteen Persons in State

To date in 1968 fire has killed nineteen persons in the State of Alaska. Four of these were children.

State Fire Marshal Wallace W. Dawson wants to remind all citizens that the week of October 6th through 12th has been proclaimed fire prevention week by Governor Walter J. Hickel.

Too many people still think "Fire is something that happens to my neighbor, not to me."

"Don't believe it." Statistics prove different and prevention of fires although stressed particularly during this week should be practiced every week, year

in and year out.

Most fires are avoidable and just by observing the simple rules of fire safety. Some rules are:

- Never leave small children alone, not even for a few minutes.

- Have a dependable baby sitter if you need one.

- Teach older children how to use and respect fire.

- Keep your home free of fire hazards by regular check-ups.

- Your fire department will help you.

- Have a home evacuation program and hold drills regularly.

- Don't overfuse your electrical system.

- Adopt safe smoking habits. Never smoke in bed.

- Have all the heating equipment in your home, including the chimney, cleaned and serviced.

- Practice good housekeeping. A well-kept home seldom burns.

"And," added Fire Marshal Dawson, "If nothing else matters, we want to be sure you are around next Fire Prevention Week."

Fire Hurts.