

Free Fire Safety Funds and Resources Part 1

A recent search of the internet for free fire prevention resources revealed some surprising results. Before I share these findings with you, I'll point out that claims due to fires is one of HARRP's most troublesome claims. Fires are one of HARRP's two coverage areas that have the most frequency and severity. Members can use the free fire prevention resources listed below to increase fire safety awareness, which reduces the chances of fires.

HARRP fire losses are most often caused by tenant negligence, especially children playing with matches and lighters. Housing Authorities can address fire prevention by targeting resident fire safety education. Here is where the free fire prevention funds and resources come in.

FEMA's US Fire Administration Division offers: free fire safety posters in English and Spanish, a free 15 minute fire safety video geared toward families with children, free fire safety activities book for children [which can be downloaded and reproduced and used to teach children in fun ways], a free fire safety Sesame Street coloring book [which can be copied and distributed to children], free fire safety door knob hangers and free fire safety booklets in English and Spanish.

You can order the video called "Prevent the Unthinkable" at:
<http://www.usfa.fema.gov/applications/publications/display.cfm?sc=318&mc=23&ol=>

The posters, activity books, coloring books, door knob hangers, booklets and other free publications can be ordered or downloaded at:
<http://www.usfa.fema.gov/applications/publications/index.cfm>

We recommend that housing authorities use staff that interacts with tenants to coordinate fire safety activities using the above free resources.

Okay, many of you are wondering, where does the free fire safety funding come in? HARRP has available loss control funds that can be awarded for fire prevention activities. Members can apply for up to \$2,500 for loss control activities directly related preventing a claim that HARRP covers, such as tenant fires. Members who state on the application that they will match the requested funds at 50% will get priority. These funds are limited and are available until diminished. You can obtain

HARRP's loss prevention funding application at:
<http://www.harrp.com/forms/MemberProposalFundingCriteriaandApplication.pdf>

If you wish to discuss funding proposals or fire prevention activities geared toward residents, please call our Risk Manager at (360) 694-3500 ext 104