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NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TALKS FIRE SAFETY WITH FDNY ON LATEST 'PREP TALK' AND '¡PREPÁRATE!' PODCAST EPISODES

'PREP TALK' {[Click to listen to episode 94](#)}
'¡PREPÁRATE!' {[Click to listen to episode 24](#)}

December 6, 2024 — When winter weather gets frightful, many New Yorkers plug in their space heaters, electric blankets, candles, and more to make their homes more delightful. Unfortunately, many of these appliances seriously elevate fire risk. On the latest episodes of New York City Emergency Management's podcasts, *Prep Talk* and *¡Prepárate,!* hosts sit down with members of the New York City Fire Department to discuss how to stay warm and safe this winter.

On *Prep Talk*, listeners will learn how many smoke and carbon monoxide alarms you should have in your home, what to do in the event of a fire, and how to safely use space heaters from FDNY Captain Michael Kozo, the Officer in Charge of the Fire Safety Education Unit. Captain Kozo also discusses brush fires, which due to the record-dry fall have presented the FDNY with difficult and dangerous challenges. On *¡Prepárate,!* NYCEM's Spanish-language podcast, hosts sat down with FDNY Deputy Chief of Staff Fabricio Caro, who also shared top fire safety tips and what to do in event of a fire at home in Spanish.

You can listen to the latest *Prep Talk* and *¡Prepárate!* episodes on [SoundCloud](#).

Profiles

Captain Michael Kozo is an avid educator and the Commanding Officer of the Fire Safety Education Unit (FSEU) for the FDNY. Captain Kozo graduated from Queens College with a degree in Physical Education. He began his career as an elementary school teacher in Jackson Heights. In May 2003, he was hired by the FDNY and assigned to E-307 in Jackson Heights as a firefighter. His background as an educator led him to the FSEU, where he has worked since 2019. Captain Kozo is an active member of EMAC (Educational Messages Advisory Committee) for the National Fire Protection Association and has successfully completed the Fire and Life Safety Educator 1 National certification.

Fabricio Caro is an experienced and creative public administrator working with local governments, non-profits and individuals, and committed to making a positive impact in communities and quality of life. With more than 13 years in the Fire Department of New York

(FDNY), Fabricio has served in various capacities focusing on strengthening community interactions through initiatives that have bolstered fire and life safety education efforts, awareness/understanding of emergency response operations and the Department's recruitment efforts. Fabricio currently serves as the Deputy Chief of Staff, overseeing the Department's community engagement portfolio and Bureau of Youth Workforce and Pipeline Programs, aimed at creating avenues for New York City youth to pursue FDNY careers.

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