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FIRE SAFETY STATISTICS: U.S. HIGH RISE BUILDINGS

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Since September 11th, the safety of high rise buildings has been an issue. The following are statistics on high rise building fire safety collected by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) for the 14 year period between 1985 and 1998:

Civilian Fire Fatalities-U.S. High Rise Buildings			
	Office Bldg.	Hotels	Apartment Bldg.
1985	1	0	54
1986	1	0	32
1987	2	5	46
1988	0	8	83
1989	0	5	97
1990	0	7	76
1991	0	0	23
1992	1	0	31
1993	0	0	43
1994	0	0	51
1995	0	0	53
1996	0	8	56
1997	0	6	27
1998	0	0	35
Total:	5	39	707
Average:	< 1	3	51

Source: Table 1, *High Rise Building Fires*, John R. Hall, Jr., Fire Analysis and Research Division, National Fire Protection Association, June 2009

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