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U.S. HIGH RISE OFFICE BUILDING FIRE SAFETY STATISTICS (1985-1998)

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How safe are U. S. high rise office buildings from fire? The following statistics collected by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) tell the story.

	Number of Fires	Civilian Fatalities	Civilian Injuries
1985	1,200	1	10
1986	1,100	1	80
1987	900	2	10
1988	1,000	0	20
1989	900	0	20
1990	900	0	10
1991	800	0	10
1992	1,000	1	90
1993	800	0	20
1994	600	0	16
1995	500	0	50
1996	500	0	20
1997	600	0	10
1998	500	0	10
Total:	11,300	5	376
Average:	808	< 1	27

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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