

FDA Safety Communication: recommendations to reduce surgical fires and related patient injury.

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[Surgical fires](#) can result in patient harm. This announcement provides information about causes of surgical fires and reviews FDA recommendations to prevent them, such as presurgery fire risk assessment, promoting team communication, and fire management planning. A [WebM&M commentary](#) discussed common sources of operating room fires and how to reduce risks.