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City of McAllen Proclaims National Burn Awareness Week
Residents urged to take safety steps to protect families and prevent burn injuries.

The City of McAllen has proclaimed the week of February 9, 2026, as National Burn Awareness Week, joining communities across the country in educating residents about the dangers of burn injuries and the simple actions families can take to stay safe at home.

During the regularly scheduled city commission, city leaders and public safety officials took a moment to remind residents that most burns are preventable. Cooking accidents, hot liquids, electrical hazards, and malfunctioning smoke alarms remain among the leading causes of burn-related injuries nationwide.

As part of the week's outreach efforts, members of the McAllen Fire Department will join the trauma team from DHR Health at the McAllen Farmers Market at the McAllen Public Library on Saturday, Feb. 14, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to provide hands on education and distribute safety materials to families. Firefighters and medical professionals will be available to answer questions and share practical ways residents can reduce burn risks in their homes.

The McAllen Fire Department encourages the community to follow these safety tips:

- Turn pot handles inward while cooking to prevent spills and scalds
- Test smoke detectors monthly and replace batteries at least twice a year
- Never leave candles or space heaters unattended
- Keep matches, lighters, and hot appliances out of children's reach

National Burn Awareness Week is observed annually to highlight prevention, treatment, and recovery resources. McAllen officials urge residents to share safety information with loved ones and to make burn prevention part of their everyday routines.

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About the City of McAllen

Founded in 1904 and incorporated in 1911, the City of McAllen has grown from a small agricultural community into one of the most vibrant and fastest growing cities along the U.S.-Mexico border. Known as the City of Palms, McAllen serves as a hub for international trade, retail, tourism and culture in the Rio Grande Valley.

Today, the city employs more than 2,600 public servants across 41 departments, delivering essential services to a community of more than 150,000 residents. City leadership remains committed to transparent governance, fiscal responsibility and enhancing quality of life through innovation, infrastructure and community engagement. For more information, visit www.mcallen.net