

## Why Smoke Alarms?

Home fires are a life and death threat to you and your family

## What You Need To Know

Most fire deaths are caused by SMOKE—not flames.

Most fire deaths and injuries occur at NIGHT between midnight and 8 am while victims are asleep.

The earlier you are alerted to a fire the more likely it is that you will get out in time.

Smoke alarms won't prevent fires—but they will increase your chances of getting out in time before a small fire becomes a large fire.

**The presence of a smoke alarm alone does not guarantee fire safety**

**It must work!**

Test your smoke alarms monthly!

Replace old alarms.

Smoke alarms ten years or older need to be replaced.

It's time to consider a new smoke alarm... with a long life battery and a hush feature.

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**Working smoke alarms more than double your chances of surviving a fire.**

When a smoke alarm senses smoke, an alarm automatically sounds. Fires often generate lethal amounts of unseen smoke and dangerous gases well before flames are visible. As a result, many people who die in home fires are asleep and never wake up. When carefully installed and maintained, smoke alarms can prevent such needless deaths. Smoke alarms buy time to get out of the house fast—before toxic fumes accumulate to lethal levels.

## How Do Smoke Alarms Work?

Three types of smoke alarms:

- Ionization
- Photoelectric
- Combination

## Which is better?

Ionization or Photoelectric—

Both types are equally effective.

Either batteries or household current can power smoke alarms.

**There are many models of smoke alarms available for the hearing impaired.**



## Install Smoke Alarms...

- In Every Home
- In Every Bedroom
- Outside Each Sleeping Area
- On Every Level

## When Purchasing a Smoke Alarm, Check for:

- UL—Listing
- Hush feature
- Ten-year battery
- Malfunction signal
- Loud alarm

## Vacuum your alarms monthly to remove dust and cobwebs.

Your local Fire Fighters are ready to help anytime you call. Please contact your local Fire Agency for more information on smoke alarms and other important safety issues.