



SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

Smoke alarms are the most inexpensive and effective early-warning device available for your home. Consider the following facts about fire:

1. In 2023 there were 3,670 fire deaths and 13,350 injuries*
2. 67.8% of civilian fire deaths occurred in one- and two-family homes *
3. 10.9% of civilian fire deaths occurred in apartments*
4. 59% of all fire deaths occurred in homes without smoke alarms or without working smoke alarms**
5. Smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a fire in your home in half

There are many reasonably priced smoke alarms available. Make sure you select a smoke alarm approved by an independent laboratory, such as UL, and that there is a way to periodically test the smoke alarm.

Install smoke alarms on every level of the home and outside each sleeping area. Do not install near cooking appliances, fireplaces or forced air vents as these might affect the smoke alarm performance.

Working smoke alarms save lives!

TEST SMOKE ALARMS EVERY MONTH

CHANGE SMOKE ALARM BATTERIES AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR

REPLACE SMOKE ALARMS THAT ARE MORE THAN TEN (10) YEARS OLD

Recognize that studies have shown that children may not awaken to the sounds of the smoke alarm. Know what your child will do by practicing fire drills and having an escape plan.

References

* <https://injuryfacts.nsc.org/home-and-community/safety-topics/fire-related-fatalities-and-injuries/>

** <https://www.nfpa.org/education-and-research/research/nfpa-research/fire-statistical-reports/smoke-alarms-in-us-home-fires>