

Smoke alarms save lives!

Smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. Here are some important tips from the National Fire Protection Association

- A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire. Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home.
- Smoke alarms should be interconnected, meaning when one sounds, they all sound, no matter where the fire is in the home.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- Test your smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- Today's smoke alarms are more

technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions and lessen the occurrence of false alarms.

- When a smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside.
- Replace all smoke alarms in your home every 10 years.
- Watch this video to learn more about smoke alarms and creating safety plans: [Every Second Counts in a Home Fire - Practice Your Escape Plan.](#)



FIRE SAFETY: Understanding the Importance of Smoke Alarms

Sources: <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Staying-safe/Safety-equipment/Smoke-alarms>