

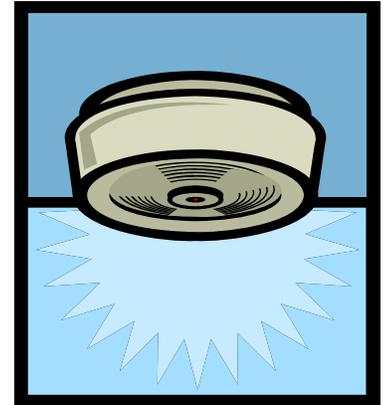


FIRE PREVENTION through EDUCATION

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SMOKE ALARMS

In the United States, more than 40,000 people die each year in fires and more than 25,000 people are injured. Smoke alarms provide early warning of a fire and allow occupants time to escape a burning building. Having a working smoke alarm more than doubles your chances of surviving a fire. Take action today to keep your family safe.



Smoke Alarm Types:

- **Photoelectric:** Best for detecting smoldering fires such as cigarettes burning on bedding or furniture (*place near kitchens and laundry rooms*)
- **Ionization:** Best for detecting flaming fires such as grease fires or paper burning
- **Combination/Dual-Sensor:** These feature both Photoelectric and Ionization detection in one unit (*place in sleeping areas, hallways, office areas and other living areas*)
- ♦ To avoid nuisance alarms, don't install smoke alarms in kitchens, garages or bathrooms. Use the "hush" button to temporarily silence a nuisance alarm (*i.e. from steam or burnt toast*)

SMOKE ALARMS: LIFE-SAVING TIPS:

- ♦ **Install** both Ionization and Photoelectric or Dual-sensor smoke alarms in every sleeping area and on every level of your home, at minimum.
- ♦ **Test** all the smoke alarms in your home monthly.
- ♦ **Maintain** your smoke alarms by replacing the batteries and vacuuming/dusting the units at least once a year.
- ♦ **Replace** smoke alarms every ten years.
- ♦ **NEVER** remove the batteries to silence a nuisance alarm or to "borrow" for another item
- ♦ **Know what to do in case of fire:** Have two ways out of every room and a family meeting place outside, know the sound of a smoke alarm and leave the building immediately if the smoke alarm sounds.

PREVENT FIRES
IT'S YOUR JOB!

Please share this information with your family and friends. Knowledge is the best fire protection. For more information visit www.nfpa.org/Education.