

MCLB ALBANY SAFETYGRAM

National Fire Prevention

Get To Know The Basic
Essential Elements of Smoke
Alarm Safety.



Smoke Alarms at Home

Test your smoke
alarms at least once
a month.



SMOKE ALARMS ARE A KEY PART of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly and cut the chances of dying in a reported fire in half.

SAFETY TIPS

- Install smoke alarms inside and outside each bedroom and sleeping area, on every level of the home, and in the basement.
- Use interconnected smoke alarms, when one sounds they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working. Replace the batteries if the smoke alarm is not hard wired.
- Place a smoke alarm on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep alarms away from kitchens and at least 10 feet from stove to reduce false alarms.
- Replace smoke alarms that are 10 years old.
- Use alarms with strobe lights and/or bed shakers for people hard-of-hearing or deaf can.

FACTS



- 38% of home fire deaths resulted from homes with no smoke alarms and 21% with no working smoke alarm.
- 24% of smoke alarm failures are due to dead batteries.
- A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- When a smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out.

You can learn more by clicking on:



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards



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