

MCLB ALBANY SAFETYGRAM

SMOKE ALARMS



Make Them WORK For You!™



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK™

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1. Did you know that roughly 60% of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms?
2. Did you know that you may have less than two minutes to escape your home once the smoke alarm sounds? One hundred twenty seconds.
3. Did you know that fire moves fast, every second counts? Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly. Working smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in a home fire by half.

Smoke Alarms: Make Them Work for You!

Installation:

- Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of the home (including the basement), outside each sleeping area, and inside each bedroom.
- Interconnect all the smoke alarms so when one sounds, they all sound. It is important to have interconnected smoke alarms if you sleep with the bedroom doors closed.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall.

Testing:

Test all smoke alarms at least once a month!

Maintenance and Replace:

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for cleaning to keep the smoke alarms working.
- Smoke alarms with non-replaceable (long-life) batteries are designed to remain effective for up to 10 years.
- If the smoke alarm chirps, warning that the battery is low, replace the entire smoke alarm right away.
- For smoke alarms without non-replaceable (long-life) batteries, replace batteries at least once a year.
- If the alarm chirps, replace the battery.
- Replace smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or if they don't respond when tested.

Remember, working smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in a home fire by half. When the smoke alarm sounds, get outside, and stay outside! Go to your outside meeting place.

For more information click: <https://www.nfpa.org/Events/Fire-Prevention-Week>



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