

# Safety First....it's the right thing to do!



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## Smoke Alarms in Your Home...Seconds save lives

The NFPA recommends:

- Installing smoke alarms both inside and outside of bedrooms and sleeping areas.
- Installing smoke alarms at each level of the home
- Test smoke alarms once a month. Press the test button to sound the alarm.
- There are two kinds of smoke alarms. Ionization smoke alarms, which are quicker to alert about building flames. Photoelectric alarms are quicker to warn about smoldering fires. Both are recommended for use inside your home.
- Install the alarms on ceilings and high places where smoke will rise in the event of a fire. Keep smoke alarms away from kitchens to prevent false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet away from the stovetop.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they have reached 10 years old. If you are not sure of the alarms age replace it.
- Making a plan with your family on how to safely get out of the house in the event of a fire and PRACTICE THE PLAN!

**Remember, your family is counting on you!**

Did you know...?

- A closed door can slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire
- Roughly 3 out of 5 fire deaths happen in homes with NO smoke alarms or the alarms are not working.
- Designate a muster point for your family to meet
- Practice fire drills at least monthly with your family

Installing your smoke alarms correctly and making sure they are in good working order is an important step towards keeping your family safe at home!

**See it,  
own it!**

