

Protect Your Home and Family

Install and Maintain Working Smoke Alarms

A functioning smoke alarm **SAVES LIVES** -- this device will alert you and other loved ones if there is a fire in your home.

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, these should be placed **near bedrooms**. If a fire should occur during the night, the alarm will wake you up and you can get out safely. Once you are out of your house, **STAY OUT** and **MEET AT A DESIGNATED MEETING SPOT**.

You can purchase a smoke alarm at any hardware store. If you are unsure about where to find a smoke alarm or can not afford one call **301-864-SAFE**

Clean your smoke detector regularly with a vacuum and replace your batteries at least twice a year. **CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERY**. If your smoke alarm is "hard wired" and runs by the electricity in your home, test your alarm once a month

DO NOT DISABLE THE SMOKE ALARM if it goes off when you are cooking. Instead fan the smoke away from the unit with a towel.

Did you know that every 18 seconds, a fire department responds to a fire somewhere in the United States? According to the *National Fire Protection Association*, someone in the U.S. dies in a home fire roughly every 2-1/2 hours. Nationwide, there is a civilian fire injury every 26 minutes.

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Spring Cleaning Time - Get Rid of the Clutter!

- Make sure that lighters, matches are placed out of the reach of children.
- Throw old rags, papers, broken furniture, and other unwanted objects - these items could fuel a fire or prevent your escape.
- In the kitchen, clean behind your oven and refrigerator. Make sure that exhaust filters are checked and cleaned.
- Keep gas for lawn mower in a strong, metal safety-type can and keep in a safe place outside your home.
- Clean your smoke detector and **CHANGE THE BATTERY**.
- Also make sure that you have a working fire extinguisher in your home.
- Check your street numbers- Are they posted correctly? Can you see them from the street?

Make An Escape Plan

Think about **MORE THAN ONE WAY OUT**. Your exit could be blocked by fire or heavy smoke.

Talk about where to meet - so that you **KNOW EVERYONE IS SAFE**

NEVER go back inside - if someone is missing, tell a firefighter.

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