

BEVERLY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS:

HOME SMOKE ALARMS

Maintaining your smoke alarms:

- Always save and follow the alarm manufactures instructions for testing, maintenance and installation requirements.
- Test alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button located on device.
- Smoke alarms with non-replaceable batteries are designed to work for 10 years. If the alarm chirps, warning that the battery is low, replace the entire alarm. Dispose of smoke alarm properly.
- For smoke alarms with any other type of battery, replace batteries at least once a year. if the alarm "chirps," replace the battery right away.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old, or if they do not respond properly when tested.
- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of he home (including basement)
- For best protection, interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound of the smoke alarm.

Did you Know:

An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires, and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. Both types of detection alarms, or a combination alarm (photoelectric and ionization, also known as dual senor alarms) should be installed in the home.. (Highly Recommended)

NFPA Facts:

In half of the fires in which smoke alarms did not operate, the batteries had been removed or disconnected.

Roughly one in four smoke alarm failures is due to dead batteries.

Smoke alarms save lives. Roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or no smoke alarms that work. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast smoke alarms give you time to get out..

