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Smoke Detectors save Lives

Smoke detectors are the most powerful fire safety product available on the market and can be purchased for under \$10, yet 1/3 of all homes have smoke detectors that do not work or are missing batteries. Every year in the United States, residential fires injure more than 40,000 people and kill over 5,000. In addition, home fires do more than \$8 billion worth of property damage. Many fire victims die of inhalation of smoke and toxic gases, not because of burns. Most deaths and injuries occur in fires that happen during the night while the victims are asleep. Sleepers must be warned before it is too late.



Smoke Detector Tips

- 1) Batteries should be changed twice a year. Usually at the same time as clocks are changed for daylight savings.
- 2) Smoke detectors should be inspected and tested monthly and cleaned yearly.
- 3) Smoke detectors should be replaced every ten years.
- 4) There should be at least one detector on each level of the home and outside each sleeping area.
- 5) Never paint a smoke detector.
- 6) For added protection, install heat detectors in attics, garages, and kitchens.

If a smoke detector goes off, you only have seconds to respond. There is absolutely no time to gather possessions, pets and possibly even each other. Your best response is to leave your home immediately, gather at a prearranged meeting place and call 911 from a neighbor's home.