



FIRE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION OF NEVADA

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Smoke Alarms Life-Saving Tips

- ☑ Place a smoke alarm on every level of your home and outside bedrooms. If you keep your bedroom doors closed, place a smoke alarm in each bedroom.
- ☑ Check smoke alarms monthly by pushing the test button. If you cannot reach the button easily, use a broom handle.
- ☑ Change the batteries in your alarms at least once a year – perhaps when you change your clocks for Daylight Savings Time.
- ☑ Teach children what the smoke alarm sounds like and what to do – leave the building immediately by crawling low under the smoke – when they hear it sound.
- ☑ If cooking smoke sets off the alarm, do not disable it. Turn on the range fan, open a window, or wave a towel near the alarm.
- ☑ Do not remove the batteries to put in other appliances such as personal stereos or games.
- ☑ Smoke alarms wear out over time. Replace yours if it is 10 years old or more.
- ☑ Keep smoke alarms clean. Dust and debris can interfere with their operation. Vacuum over and around your smoke alarm regularly.
- ☑ Consider installing a 10-year lithium battery-powered smoke alarm, which is sealed so it cannot be tampered with or opened.
- ☑ Hard-wired smoke alarms with battery back-ups need to be tested monthly and batteries replaced yearly.

Did you know?

- ▶ Eighty-two percent of all fire deaths occur in the home.
- ▶ Having a working smoke alarm reduces one's chances of dying in a fire by nearly half.
- ▶ Nearly one-third of the residential fires and two-fifths of residential fire fatalities occur in homes with no smoke alarms.