

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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How to Be Safe During Summer Storm Season

- Have an emergency supply kit in your home. It should include a flashlight, batteries, a battery operated radio, bottled water, first aid kit blankets, canned/non-perishable food and a can opener.
- **Avoid using candles for lighting your home during a power outage. Candles left unattended or around children are a fire hazard.**
- After storms move through be aware of your surroundings - stay clear of downed powerlines & notify the authorities of the location of the hazard.
- **If you need to use a generator, follow the manufacturer's instructions. ALWAYS leave the generator OUTSIDE your home to avoid Carbon Monoxide build-up .**
- In case of emergency DIAL 911.

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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