

Smoke Alarms at Home

SAFETY TIPS

Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.

Install alarms in the basement.

Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.

It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.

Test all smoke alarms at least once a month.

Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.

Current alarms on the market employ different types of technology including multi-sensing, which could include smoke and carbon monoxide combined.

Today's smoke alarms will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions, yet mitigate false alarms.

A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.

People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.

Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

Smoke Alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

FACTS

Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level.

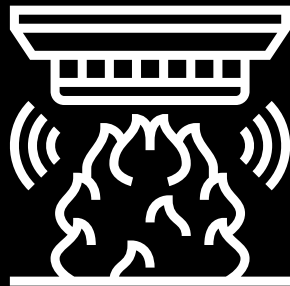
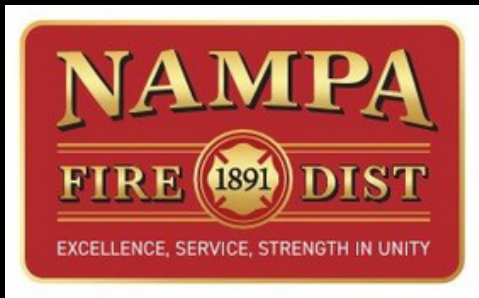
Smoke alarms should be connected so when one sounds, they all sound. Most homes do not have this level of protection.

A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.

Roughly 3 out of 5 fire deaths happen in homes with either smoke alarms not working or no smoke alarms.



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Smoke Alarm Assistance Program

Donation Funded Program

Our smoke alarm program was implemented in 2001 to make sure Nampa residents who are low income and/or elderly individuals who are unable to purchase or install working smoke alarms in their homes have assistance.

Home Owner Assistance

For individuals that qualify for assistance (if you are able) please purchase the alarms and/or batteries. Call Nampa Fire Administration (#208-468-5751) to schedule battery replacement or installation assistance.

If you are unable to purchase items due to your situation, please call to get assistance.

This program is funded through donations! If you are able to donate when crews arrive to assist you, please give money directly to the crews or mail/bring donations by the Nampa Fire Administration Office located at: 9 12th Ave South - Nampa, ID 83651. The suggested donation for a smoke alarm with batteries is \$20 per unit.

If you are unable to donate, we will still provide you with working alarms in your home.

Chirping Smoke Alarm?

Chirping smoke alarms are a nuisance, but are not an emergency. Only call 911 or dispatch if your alarms are going off and you are unable to identify the cause. We will assist you with smoke alarms as soon as possible and crews are available. Emergency service is our priority.

Landlord Responsibilities?

If you rent your home: Landlords are required by IDAPA Code to provide working smoke alarms to tenants prior to them moving in. It is the responsibility of the tenant to maintain them. Please check with your landlord first if you need assistance. We will bill landlords to recover cost of materials for rental properties.

Nampa Fire Protection District -

Administration Office located at 9 12th Ave South - Nampa, ID 83651 Phone: #208-468-5751