



LET'S TALK FIRE SAFETY

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Working Smoke Detectors Save Lives

Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery

Three out of five home fire deaths resulted from fires in properties without working smoke detectors.

In 2007-2011, smoke detectors were present in almost three-quarters (73%) of reported home fires and sounded in half (52%) of the home fires reported to U.S. fire departments. Homes include one- and two-family homes, apartments or other multi-family housing, and manufactured housing. When smoke detectors were present in fires considered large enough to activate them, they operated 86% of the time. More than one-third (37%) of home fire deaths resulted from

fires in which no smoke detectors were present at all. One-quarter (23%) of the deaths were caused by fires in properties in

which smoke detectors were present but failed to operate. Smoke detectors operated in fires that caused two out of five (40%) home fire deaths. One percent of the deaths resulted from fires that were too small to activate the smoke detector.

Change your clock,



CHANGE your batteries

Change your batteries when the time changes... and don't forget to check your detectors monthly.

Smoke alarm failures usually result from missing, disconnected, or dead batteries. When smoke detectors should have operated but did not do so, it was usually because batteries are missing, disconnected or dead. People are most likely to remove or disconnect batteries because of nuisance activations.
<http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information>

Fire Safety Word Search

SLGMLDPEIGDCADIELTGV
AGPTBFEASMOKEGEVAHJZ
DETECTORSADVMDIALEMT
ZMOPEDICSAVEMFTODCKT
DVMCIALEMIGPYRLIVESH
HDCHANGEUDMEVBDKTES
YOURHVEGIDWGTERIMBDE
DVMZIEOTEBATTERYCHAM
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Fire Safety Quiz

How often should I replace my smoke detector?

- A- 1 year
- B- 5 years
- C- 10 years
- D- 15 years

How often should I test my smoke detector?

- A- Once a month
- B- Twice a year
- C- Once a year
- D- Four times a years

The Valdosta Fire Department is committed to keeping the business and residential communities safe.

Did you know that the Valdosta Fire Department has a smoke detector program that is available to citizens who meet the program criteria. Please contact Sergeant Chris Staples at 229-333-1835 for additional information.

Did you know special alarms are made for citizens with hearing disabilities at your local home improvement store. Please contact your local home improvement store for additional information.

Have a fire safety question you would like for the Fire Department to answer, please contact Sergeant Chris Staples at 229-333-1835 or you can send an email to valdostafire@valdostacity.org



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