

Smoke Detector AWARENESS

Smoke alarms are the most important safety features of your home. Properly installed, working smoke alarms will give you the early warning you need to safely escape from a fire.

A properly installed and maintained smoke alarm is the only thing on your home that can alert you and your family to a fire 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Whether you're awake or asleep, a working smoke alarm is constantly on alert, scanning the air for fire and smoke.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in properties without working smoke alarms. A working smoke alarm significantly increases your chances of surviving a deadly home fire.

Smoke alarms continue to provide the most important protection against death in a fire. Most fires occur in the home and the greatest risk is present when you are asleep. Protect yourself and your loved ones by ensuring your smoke alarms are up to date, working, and placed properly.

A life saving test: check smoke alarms regularly.

- Test smoke alarms once a month.
- Replace the batteries in smoke alarms once a year, or as soon as the alarm chirps to warn you that the battery is low.
- Never borrow a battery from a smoke alarm. Smoke alarms cannot warn you of fire if their batteries are missing or have been disconnected.
- Don't disable smoke alarms even temporarily. Disconnection and/or disabling a smoke detector is a violation of the local and State ordinances and will be cause for eviction. (Community Handbook #49, page 43)
- Plan regular fire drills to ensure that everyone knows exactly what to do when the smoke alarm sounds. Hold a drill at night to make sure that sleeping family members awaken at the sound of the alarm. Some studies have shown that some children may not wake up to the sound of the smoke alarm. Know what your child will do before a fire occurs.

Keesler residents can call the Maintenance FIXX line at 1-855-452-FIXX (3499) for help concerning smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, or home fire extinguishers.

In case of an emergency dial 911.



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