

SMOKE ALARMS



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Latest U.S. smoke alarm data reinforces critical importance of Fire Prevention Week, October 6-12, 2024, and this year's theme, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!"

Newly released survey findings show nearly all U.S. households now have at least one smoke alarm, but 61 percent test them less often than recommended.

According to the latest "Smoke Alarms in the U.S." report from the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), working smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in a home fire by more than half (60%), while the majority of civilian home fire deaths continues to occur in homes with no smoke alarms or no working alarms. These statistics – coupled with newly released findings from

a comprehensive U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) survey – reinforce the critical importance of Fire Prevention Week™, October 6-12, and this year's theme, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!"

"Smoke alarms can make a life-saving difference in a home fire, but they have to be working in order to protect people," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. "This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign drives home just how important it is to install, test, and maintain smoke alarms to ensure they're working properly."

Essential fire safety messages for this year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Smoke

alarms: Make them work for you!" include the following:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement) of the home.
- Make sure smoke alarms meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or don't respond when tested.

To learn more about Fire Prevention Week and this year's theme, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!" visit fpw.org. Additional

Fire Prevention Week resources for children, caregivers, and educators can be found at sparky.org and sparkyschoolhouse.org.

Listen to The NFPA Podcast, which takes a deeper dive into the CPSC survey findings and the state of smoke alarms in today's homes.

For more than 100 years, Fire Prevention Week – the longest-running U.S. public health observance on record – has worked to educate people about the risk of home fires and ways to minimize them. Local fire departments, schools, and community organizations play a key role in bringing Fire Prevention Week to life in their communities each year and spreading basic but critical fire safety messages.

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New Rockford Fire volunteers, pictured from left to right – front row: R. Joseph Lies, Matt Pfeiffer, Carson Hurn, Brian Hopfauf, Neil Backman; back row: Jeff Pfau, Brett Ehni, Kyle Quinton, Rick Swenson, Mark Seiler, Ethan Shroyer, Gunner Wetzel, Zachary Smith and Lonnie Thompson

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Sheyenne Fire volunteers pictured from left to right: Bryan Rieger, David Karlsbraaten, David Chenze, Sr., David Chenze, Jr., Devin Millang, Jeff Labrenz, Richard Hoffner, Mark Seastrand, Ken Ames, David Rieger, Elvis Thumb, Jr., Kyle Alfstad.

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Learn the Sound of Your Smoke Alarm

Sparky says: Learn the sound of your smoke alarm. When the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside.

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