

Home Fire Safety Tips

Did you test your smoke alarms during the recent time change? Most people can't recall the last time they did, or have never tested their smoke alarm. 60% of house fire deaths occur in homes with *no working* smoke alarms.

Have you practiced a home fire drill? 80% of families with children have *never practiced* home fire drills and fewer than 50% of families have talked about [home fire safety](#).

Did you know you may have as little as 2 minutes to escape a house fire? During a home fire, working smoke alarms and a [fire escape plan](#) that has been practiced regularly can save your life and the lives of your family.

Keep yourself and your family safe with these simple tips:

- Test smoke alarms once a month. If it's not working, replace the battery.
- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.
- If an alarm “chirps,” warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.
- Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10-year batteries and hard-wired alarms, when they're ten years old or sooner if they do not respond properly when tested.
- Talk with all household members about a fire escape plan and practice the plan twice a year.