FREE SMOKE ALARM PROGRAM
Sponsored by
Woodside Fire Protection District and
Citizens Emergency Response
Preparedness Program

Program Goal:
To increase the number of residences with working smoke alarms at NO COST to the resident (up to 3 maximum per household). Smoke alarms more than double a person’s chance of surviving a fire.

Smoke Alarm Details:
Type Kidde Model i9010 smoke alarms, powered by a 10-year life sealed Lithium battery. This particular model has the distinct advantage of a long-life battery which will not require replacement every six months, a common cause of smoke alarm malfunctions and the resulting potential loss of life.

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Protect Your Family and Yourself! Home Fire Safety Starts with YOU!

Why should my home have smoke alarms?
Most fire deaths are caused by smoke, not flames.
Most fire deaths and injuries occur between midnight and 8 a.m. when families are asleep.
Seconds count! You only have minutes to escape a house fire.
The earlier a smoke alarm alerts you to a fire, the more likely you will get out alive.

Where do I install smoke alarms?
On each level of your home.
Outside each sleeping area.
Inside each bedroom.

What are the specifications for installation of a smoke alarm?
Install ceiling-mounted alarms at least 4 inches away from the nearest wall.
Install wall-mounted alarms 4 to 12 inches away from the ceiling.
If you have ceilings that are pitched, install the alarm near the ceiling's highest point.
Don't install smoke alarms near windows, doors, or ducts where drafts might interfere with their operation.
**How do I keep my smoke alarm working?**

Test smoke alarms monthly.
Vacuum smoke alarms regularly to remove dust and cobwebs.
Never disconnect or remove smoke alarm batteries for other uses.
Ionization powered alarms with 10-year batteries: replace the entire unit every 8-10 years.
Photoelectric and combination alarms: replace the batteries at least once per year, and replace the entire unit every 8-10 years.
Hard-wired alarms with battery backup: replace batteries at least once per year, and replace the entire unit every 8-10 years.

**What if I have a false alarm?**

Do not disable smoke alarms activated by cooking or other non-fire causes.
Use the smoke alarm’s hush feature if available.
Open windows and doors to clear smoke from your home.

**Additional safety measures**

Have a fire escape plan and designated meeting place.
Teach children, and practice, practice, practice.
Utilize good home fire safety practices, such as heater safety, cooking safety, electrical safety, etc.

The leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths in North America is from Carbon Monoxide (CO). CO is odorless, tasteless, and invisible — it’s a silent killer. CO alarms are required in all residences. Place them in all sleeping areas and on all levels of your home. Be sure any life saving device you purchase is Underwriters Laboratory (UL) Listed or State Fire Marshal (SFM) approved.

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