

# Fire Safety Tips

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## Fire Prevention Programs

Fire Prevention is still the best method of fire safety.

- Plan at least two escape routes from your home or apartment
- Never smoke in bed or while drowsy or drinking alcohol
- Keep anything that might burn away from space heaters.
- Check all appliance cords for fraying and exposed wires.
- Sleep with your bedroom door closed. This helps keep any smoke and flames from reaching you.
- If your clothes catch on fire, stop, drop, cover your face with your hands, and roll until the flames have gone out.
- If you don't need it, get rid of it. Having too much stuff in your home can create a fire hazard and prevent you from escaping.



The Springfield Fire Department is concerned about your safety and works hard in many ways to assist you in your fire prevention efforts. In addition to the free smoke alarm program, we offer fire safety talks and demonstrations to both large and small groups. We also offer a residential fire safety survey at no charge to our residents. This survey consists of a fire crew coming to your home to assist you in locating dangerous fire hazards.

*To receive a free smoke alarm and/or home safety survey or to schedule a fire prevention visit, call the Springfield Fire Department at (417) 864-1515.*

**Springfield Fire Department**  
**830 N. Boonville**  
**Springfield, MO 65802**  
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**[www.springfieldmo.gov/fire](http://www.springfieldmo.gov/fire)**



## SMOKE ALARMS AND FIRE SAFETY



**SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES**

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# Having a working smoke alarm doubles your chances of surviving a fire....

To Receive a  
**FREE**  
Smoke  
Alarm

Call (417) 864-1515 or  
Fill out this application and  
mail it to:

Springfield Fire Department  
830 N. Boonville  
Springfield, MO 65802

Name:

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Address:

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Phone:

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*We will contact you and set up  
an appointment to install your  
new smoke alarm.*

Cut & Remove



## FIRE IS A MAJOR DESTROYER OF PROPERTY AND LIVES

- Each year in the United States, fires kill approximately 6,000 people, injure an additional 22,000 and cause more than \$11 billion worth of property damage.
- Older people are at the greatest risk. The risk of fire death for Americans age 65 and over is three times greater than the risk for adults under 65.

## THERE ARE 5 LEADING CAUSES OF FIRES AT HOME

- Heating sources like furnaces, wood stoves and space heaters
- Cooking
- Arson
- Electrical problems
- Careless Smoking



## A SMOKE ALARM

## CAN DOUBLE YOUR

## CHANCES OF

## SURVIVING A FIRE

- 80% of all fire deaths happen in homes with no working smoke alarm
- Smoke alarms can provide early warning of fires, allowing time for families to escape and firefighters to arrive before the fire grows.



## Smoke alarm FAQs:

### *How much do smoke alarms cost?*

Smoke alarms are inexpensive to buy. Many models range in price from \$10 to \$20.

### *Where can I purchase a smoke alarm?*

Smoke alarms can be purchased at most hardware and department stores.

### *How many should my home have?*

The Springfield Fire Department and National Fire Protection Association recommends that a smoke alarm be placed in each bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of your home, including your basement.

### *What is the difference between an Ionization smoke alarm and photoelectric smoke alarm?*

Smoke alarms utilizing ionization technology generally activate faster in fast-flaming fires. Smoke alarms utilizing photoelectric detection technology generally activate fast in smoldering fires. While a properly installed and maintained alarm of either technology provides a critical baseline of protection, the Springfield Fire Department strongly recommends the installation of at least one smoke alarm of each type or the installation of dual-sensor alarms, which utilize both technologies.

### *How do I maintain my alarms?*

Smoke alarms should be tested monthly. The battery should be replaced at least once a year and the alarm should be replaced at least every 10 years.