

Smoke Alarms at Home

SAFETY TIPS

Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.

Install alarms in the basement.

Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.

It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.

Test all smoke alarms at least once a month.

Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.

Current alarms on the market employ different types of technology including multi-sensing, which could include smoke and carbon monoxide combined.

Today's smoke alarms will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions, yet mitigate false alarms.

A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.

People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.

Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

Smoke Alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

FACTS

Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level.

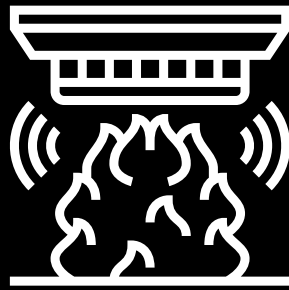
Smoke alarms should be connected so when one sounds, they all sound. Most homes do not have this level of protection.

A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.

Roughly 3 out of 5 fire deaths happen in homes with either smoke alarms not working or no smoke alarms.



Information Provided by
National Fire Protection Association
nfpa.org/education



Smoke Alarm Assistance Program

Donation Funded Program

Our smoke alarm program was implemented in 2001 to make sure Nampa residents who are low income and/or elderly individuals who are unable to purchase or install working smoke alarms in their homes have assistance.

Home Owner Assistance

For individuals that qualify for assistance (if you are able) please purchase the alarms and/or batteries. Call Nampa Fire Administration (#208-468-5751) to schedule battery replacement or installation assistance.

If you are unable to purchase items due to your situation, please call to get assistance.

This program is funded through donations! If you are able to donate when crews arrive to assist you, please give money directly to the crews or mail/bring donations by the Nampa Fire Administration Office located at: 9 12th Ave South - Nampa, ID 83651. The suggested donation for a smoke alarm with batteries is \$20 per unit.

If you are unable to donate, we will still provide you with working alarms in your home.

Chirping Smoke Alarm?

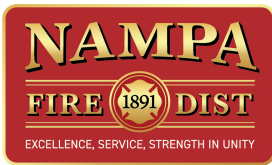
Chirping smoke alarms are a nuisance, but are not an emergency. Only call 911 or dispatch if your alarms are going off and you are unable to identify the cause. We will assist you with smoke alarms as soon as possible and crews are available. Emergency service is our priority.

Landlord Responsibilities?

If you rent your home: Landlords are required by IDAPA Code to provide working smoke alarms to tenants prior to them moving in. It is the responsibility of the tenant to maintain them. Please check with your landlord first if you need assistance. We will bill landlords to recover cost of materials for rental properties.

Nampa Fire Protection District -

Administration Office located at 9 12th Ave South - Nampa, ID 83651 Phone: #208-468-5751



Nampa Fire Protection District - Prevention Bureau
 Prevention Phone: 208-468-5751
 Email: prevention@nampafire.org
 Admin Office: 9 12th Ave South - Nampa, ID 83651

SMOKE ALARM ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS

Please read the **Smoke Alarm Assistance Info Sheet** (on our website) prior to filling out this application. Fill out the requested information to the best of your ability & return this application by email to prevention@nampafire.org with the subject of the email "Smoke Alarm Application" or bring it to the Nampa Fire Admin Office (9 12th Ave South – Nampa, ID 83651). If you are unable to email or drop by with the application, you are welcome to call 208-468-5751 & we will complete an application with you over the phone.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Applicant: _____ Best Contact Phone #: _____
 Home Address: _____ Apt/Mobile Home # _____ Is home a Rental? _____
 Email Address: _____ Date of Request: _____

Please answer the following questions so we can properly assess if application qualifies for assistance.			
Senior Citizen Elderly Individual	Disability requiring assistance	Low-income household requiring assistance	Please indicate any additional reasons for request in comment section below.
Pre-Visit details to help crews know how best to assist you upon approval of application & scheduled visit.			
If you are unable to purchase new smoke detectors &/or batteries prior to a crew visit due to your inability to travel, order on-line or for financial reasons please indicate this in the comment section below. If you are unable to donate , we will still provide you with service and working alarms. This is a donation funded program and the suggested donation for smoke alarm and batteries is \$20 per unit. Please have donations ready to give to crews when they arrive at your home or mail donations to the Nampa Fire Administration Office.			
How many bedrooms are in your home? _____	How many pre-existing smoke alarms are in your home? _____	How many pre-existing smoke alarms are working? _____	
You plan to buy new smoke alarms & batteries and just need help installing	Your alarms work and you plan to buy new batteries and just need help installing	My smoke alarms are chirping and I need assistance.	
You need new batteries for existing smoke alarms but, are unable to purchase them.	You need new smoke alarms & batteries but, are unable to purchase them. How many new smoke alarms/batteries do you think you need? _____		
Any Comments (such as letting us know about vaulted ceiling, special instructions, assistance situation):			

If the application is approved, you will need to fill in the section below when crews arrive at your home.

I, _____, understand and agree that the smoke alarm and/or battery are not under warranty or guarantee with the Nampa Fire Department, City of Nampa, Nampa Rural Fire Protection District or any of its agents or employees. I also understand that it is **solely my personal responsibility** to maintain the smoke alarm in proper operating condition to include monthly tests of the smoke alarm and changing of the battery as necessary per the manufacturer's recommendations. I acknowledge receipt of the manufacturer's recommendations. Adequate smoke detection coverage per national, state, and local **codes is a legal responsibility of the property owner and/or occupant**. I further agree to save, keep and hold harmless the Nampa Fire Department, City of Nampa, Nampa Rural Fire Protection District and its officers, agents, and employees from all damages to property or of personal injury of whatever nature, either by reason of or in the course of performing the installation of the smoke alarm and/or battery, which may be occasioned by any negligent act or omission to act which amounts to negligence upon the part of those parties. My signature below represents that I have read and understand the above.

To be signed during scheduled visit. Signature: _____ Date: _____

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY - If short notice (for chirping or emergency visit) notify BC on Rotating Cell #208-250-3255			
Map Zone: _____	Shift Scheduled: _____	Station: _____	Scheduled on NFD1 w/ Application Attached: _____
Date visit scheduled: _____	Time scheduled: _____	Notes for Crew: _____	
Installed by: _____	# Alarms Installed: _____	Incident #: _____	
Number Present: _____	# Batteries Installed: _____	Type of Alarm: _____	
Notes: _____	Donation Made? Yes No	Amount: _____	Cash Check # _____
#1 If funds were not collected, please email this Application & American Red Cross Form to prevention@nampafire.org			
#2 If funds were collected, bring Application, American Red Cross Form & Funds to the Administration Office.			