



SOUND THE ALARM, SAVE A LIFE!

Residential Smoke Alarm Safety Checklist

A Community Risk Reduction Document

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Critical installation checklist

Yes/No	<i>Location & placement</i>	<i>NFPA/State requirement</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	One alarm inside every bedroom.	Required
<input type="checkbox"/>	One alarm outside every separate sleeping area (e.g., in the hallway).	Required
<input type="checkbox"/>	One alarm on every level of the home (including the basement).	Required
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alarms are placed on the ceiling or high on a wall.	Best Practice
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alarms are placed at least 10 feet from the stove/cooking appliances.	To prevent false alarms
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alarms are interconnected (when one sounds, they all sound).	Recommended

Special considerations

- **Hearing Impaired:** Consider alarms with strobe lights or bed shakers for deaf or hard-of-hearing residents.
- **Dual-sensor:** Use alarms that contain both Ionization (best for fast-flaming fires) and Photoelectric (best for slow, smoldering fires) sensors for comprehensive protection.
- **Need Assistance?** If you cannot obtain or install smoke alarms, contact your local fire department to ask for assistance.