Smoke Alarm Safety

Smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries, and have contributed to an almost 50% decrease in fire deaths since the late 1970s. An estimated 890 lives could be saved each year if all homes had working smoke alarms. In 2004 65% of reported home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

Only 8% of those that had installed smoke detectors said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out! The Bartlesville Fire Department offers the following life-saving tips that could make a big difference to you and increase your survival rate dramatically.

Smoke Alarm Life-Saving Tips

- Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home and also install one inside and outside of every bedroom
- Sleep with the doors closed on your bedrooms
- Check smoke alarms monthly by pushing the test button
- Change the batteries in your alarms twice a year whether they need it or not. Do this when you change your clocks for daylight savings time.
- Teach children what smoke alarms sound like and what they need to do when they hear it. Get out and stay out.
- Smoke alarms wear out over time. Replace yours if it is 8 years old or more.

Be Fire Safe, Be Fire Smart