



Bartlesville Fire Department

Protecting Community Life, Health, Property and the Environment

By Delivering Quality Life and Fire Safety Services.

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

