



Did you know...

Every residence should have operating smoke alarms. The location and type will depend on the age of the residence.

According to the National Fire Protection Association:

- Over the period of five (5) years smoke alarms sounded 53% of the time in home fires.
- 3 of every 5 fire deaths resulted from fires in homes without smoke alarms.
- Approximately 21% of home fire deaths resulted in non-functioning smoke alarms.

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Smoke Alarm Program Information

“Caring for our Community”

PROGRAM INFO . . .

In October 2017, the Fire Chief implemented “Safety Saturdays” which kicked off a series of community smoke alarm installations in at risk neighborhoods of the City. Because of these efforts there have been more than 300 smoke alarms installed.

The need to continue the program was identified from numerous outreach efforts allowing the Fire Department to secure additional smoke alarms to install, at no cost, to homes that are in at-risk neighborhoods.

The goal of the smoke alarm program is to ensure that every home has at least two (2) working smoke alarms that traditionally would not have the ability to provide the alarms themselves. The type of alarms provided are the sealed 10-year battery smoke alarms. These alarms do not work with interconnected type systems or monitored systems.

WHAT TYPE OF SMOKE ALARM DO I NEED?

The type of smoke alarm depends on the age of the home. The newest type of smoke alarm is sealed and has a 10-year battery. This means that there is no need to replace the battery every 6 months. However, some other factors that need to be considered would be:

- Are the smoke alarms interconnected? This means that when one goes off they all go off. If this is the type of smoke alarms in the home you will need to have the entire component of the alarms replaced.
- Are they combination type alarms? This means do they sense for smoke and carbon. An example of why these would be installed is if there are gas appliances.
- Older adults or people with disabilities may need to consider alternatives involving strobe lights or different means of notification.

The Fort Myers Fire Department is dedicated to providing informational and educational opportunities to the citizens of the City of Fort Myers in an effort to identify the importance of fire safety in the home.

For more fire safety information visit our website.

