

Fire Prevention Week

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Smoke alarms saves lives. However, people with a hearing loss may not be able to depend on the traditional smoke alarm to alert them to fire.

FEEL THE VIBRATIONS...SEE THE LIGHTS: Smoke alarms with a vibrating pad or flashing light are available for people with a hearing loss. When people with a hearing loss are asleep, a high intensity strobe light may be required along with a pillow or bed shaker to wake them up and alert them to fire conditions so they can escape. **Another Thought:** Smoke alarms with a strobe light outside the home to catch the attention of neighbors, and emergency call systems for summoning help are also available.



WHERE TO FIND EQUIPMENT:

Smoke alarms with built in or separate strobe lights can be purchased through companies such as Harris Communications MaxiAids or Hear-More. You can type in a search for smoke alarms for deaf and hard of hearing and several choices will come up.

Harris Communications

15155 Technology Drive
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Voice: 800-825-6758

TTY: 800-825-9187

VP: 952-388-2152

Website:

www.harriscomm.com/

Maxi-Aids, Inc.

42 Executive Blvd.,
Farmingdale, NY 11735

Voice: 800-522-6294

TTY: 800-281-3555

Website:

www.maxiaids.com

Hear-More

42 Executive Blvd.
Farmingdale, NY 11735

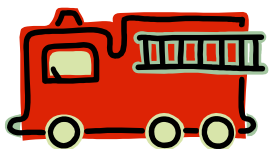
Voice: 800-881-4327

TTY: 800-281-3555

VP: 631-752-1145

Website:

www.hearmore.com



“Roughly two (2) out of three (3) fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or the alarms are not working”

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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.

SAFETY TIPS: Install and maintain smoke alarms

- ❖ Install smoke alarms inside and outside each bedroom and sleeping area. Install alarms 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.
- ❖ **Change batteries** in smoke alarm at least once a year.
- ❖ Replace all smoke alarms when they are ten (10) years old.
- ❖ 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 from the stove.
- ❖ **Don't isolate yourself**
 - ◆ Speak to your family members, building manager or neighbors about your fire safety plan and practice it with them.
 - ◆ Contact your local fire department's nonemergency line and explain your needs. They can suggest escape plan ideas and may perform a home fire safety inspection if you ask.
 - ◆ Ask emergency providers to keep your needs information on file.
 - ◆ Keep a phone near your bed and be ready to call 911 or your local emergency number if a fire occur

