



SEVIER COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Importance of Smoke Alarms

- Smoke alarms provide an early warning of a fire, giving people additional time to escape.
- Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a reported home fire in half.
- Almost three in every five home-fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms (40%) or no working smoke alarms (17%).
- When smoke alarms fail to operate, it is usually because batteries are missing, disconnected, or dead. Dead batteries caused one-quarter (25%) of the smoke alarm failures.
- Interconnected smoke alarms throughout the home increase safety. When one sounds, they all sound. It is especially important to have interconnected alarms if you sleep with the door closed.

The Home Safety Plan

- According to an NFPA survey, only one in every three American households has actually developed and practiced a home fire-escape plan.
- While 71% of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only 47% of them have practiced it.
- One-third of American households who made an estimate thought they would have at least six minutes before a fire in their home became threatening. The time available is often less. And only 8% said their first thought upon hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out.