

Milford Community Fire Department

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 513.831.7777

QUICK FACTS

A residential fire occurs every 79 seconds.

About two-thirds of residential fire deaths resulted from homes with no working smoke alarms.

QUICK TIPS

- Use dual sensor detectors (ionization and photoelectric)
- Install a smoke alarm on every level
- Install a smoke alarm inside and outside of every bedroom
- Test smoke alarms monthly
- Change the batteries twice a year
- Replace smoke alarms every 8 to 10 years

RESOURCES

Milford Community Fire Dept.
www.milfordcommunityfd.org

U.S. Fire Administration
www.usfa.dhs.gov

State of Ohio Fire Marshal
<http://com.ohio.gov/fire>

Smoke Alarms Save Lives

A properly installed and maintained smoke alarm is the only thing in your home that can alert you and your family to a fire 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Whether you're awake or asleep, a working smoke alarm is constantly on alert, scanning the air for fire and smoke.

Types of Smoke Alarms

There are two types of smoke alarms available on the market: Ionization and Photoelectric.

The U.S. Fire Administration would like to see every household have dual sensor alarms (ionization and Photoelectric). By using a dual type, the chances of early detection are much better. If a dual sensor alarm is not possible then a photo-electric type alarm is preferred. They are designated on their packaging by a (P).

Where to Install Smoke Alarms

- The U.S. Fire Administration recommends at a minimum, install at least one smoke alarm on every level of the house (including the basement).
- The best practice is to install a smoke alarm inside and outside of each sleeping area or bedroom, along with one on each level.
- Smoke rises, so install smoke alarms near ceiling level (follow manufacturers instructions).
- Follow all of the smoke alarm manufacturers instructions for installation and maintenance.

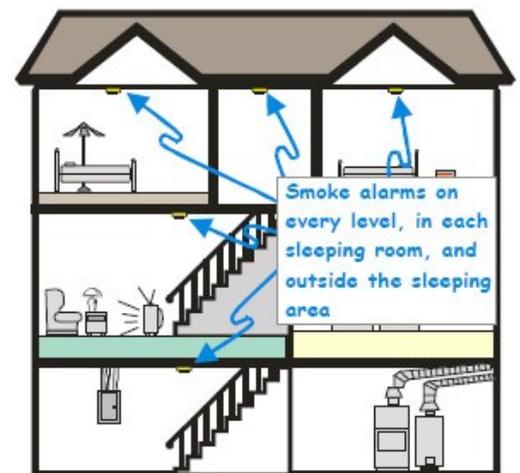
Maintaining Your Smoke Alarm

- Test all smoke alarms monthly.
- Change alkaline batteries 2 times a year (Change your clock, change your batteries).

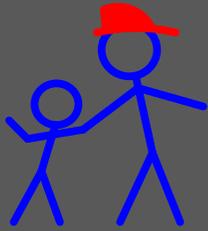


Other Important Tips

- Create a home escape plan.
- Teach children to recognize the sound of a smoke alarm and what to do when it sounds.
- Always evacuate the house immediately.
- Do not re-enter the house for pets or belongings.
- **Call 911** immediately from a cell phone or neighbors house.



Replace batteries every year
Replace smoke alarms every 10 years



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Carbon Monoxide: An Invisible Killer

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Carbon monoxide or CO is an odorless and colorless gas.

CO is a product of combustion and is produced by any item that uses a flame or burning process.

CO can be caused by malfunctioning gas appliances or blocked flue pipes.

COMMON SOURCES

- Gas or oil furnaces
- Wood burning stoves
- Fire places
- Kerosene heaters
- Gas stoves
- Gas or charcoal grills
- Gas clothes dryers
- Gas hot water heaters
- Generators
- Automobiles

FIRE SAFETY FOR KIDS

- Have an escape plan
- Know two ways out
- Have a meeting place
- Crawl low in smoke
- Feel doors before opening
- Keep exits clear
- Close bedroom doors at night
- Teach kids about 911
- Practice, practice, practice

Each year in America, carbon monoxide poisoning claims more than 400 lives and sends another 20,000 people to hospital emergency rooms for treatment.

What is Carbon Monoxide (CO)

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless and toxic gas. Because it is impossible to see, taste or smell the toxic fumes, CO can kill you before you are aware it is in your home. At lower levels of exposure, CO causes mild effects that are often mistaken for the flu. These symptoms include headaches, dizziness, disorientation, nausea and fatigue. The effects of CO exposure can vary greatly from person to person depending on age, overall health and the concentration and length of exposure.

Where to Install CO Alarms

- Install at least one CO alarm on every level of the house (including the basement).
- Follow all of the CO alarm manufacturers instructions for installation and maintenance.

Other Important Tips

- Immediately evacuate if a CO alarm sounds.
- **Call 911** when a CO alarm is sounding.
- Have all gas or oil appliances inspected at least once per year by a qualified service technician.
- Have fireplaces inspected at least once per year by a qualified service technician.
- Never use a grill or generator inside your home, garage, porch, or any enclosed structure.
- Never run a vehicle in a garage or enclosed structure without proper ventilation.
- Never run a vehicle in a garage or enclosed structure for extended periods (even with the garage door open).

General Fire Safety Tips

- Create a fire escape plan for your house and anywhere you will be staying (hotels, relatives homes, etc.).
- Know at least two ways out.
- Have a meeting place away from the house and out of the way of responding emergency units.
- Children as young as 3 years old can usually follow a fire escape plan.
- Practicing frequently with children is the best way to ensure they know what to do in an emergency.

