



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.

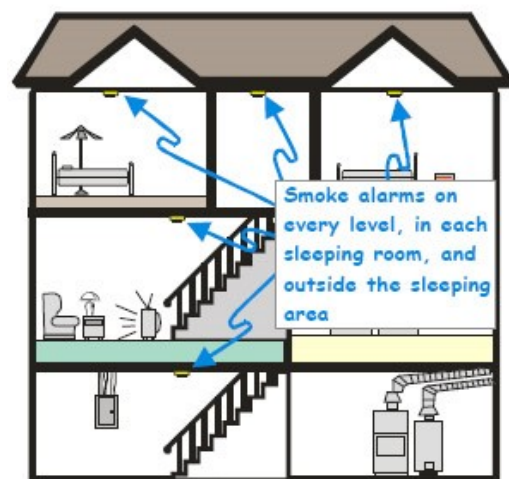
Maintaining Your Smoke Alarm

- 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