

Smoke Alarms at Home

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 smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and 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.
- Current alarms on the market employ different types of technology including multi-sensing, which could include smoke and carbon monoxide combined.
- Today's smoke alarms will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions, yet mitigate false alarms.
- 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 (3 meters) from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

FACTS

- ! A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- ! Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level. Smoke alarms should be connected so when one sounds, they all sound. Most homes do not have this level of protection.
- ! In 2020, there were 13 unintentional residential fire deaths in New Hampshire. In all except one, there were no known working smoke alarms.

DATE	CITY/TOWN	STARTING LOCATION	GENDER	AGE
2020				
March 8	Fitzwilliam	Basement - wood fired furnace	M	68 years
March 11	Rochester	Unknown	M	50 years
April 2	Claremont	Kitchen	M	58 years
May 5	Claremont	Unknown	F	29 years
May 10	Salisbury	Kitchen	F	70 years
August 15	Bristol	Kitchen	M	65 years
September 27	Colebrook	Kitchen	M	53 years
November 9	Henniker	Bedrm/Bathrm	F	41 years
December 2	Merrimack	Living Room	F	81 years
December 5	Rochester	Kitchen	M	75 years
December 5	Manchester	Tent	M	64 years



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