Safety Made Simple

HOME FIRE SAFETY TIPS

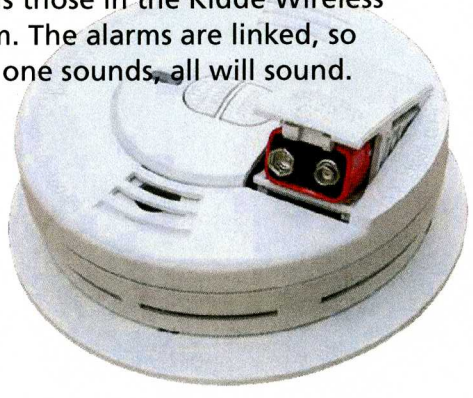
Smoke Alarms

Studies show, while most homes in America have smoke alarms, approximately 40% of them do not work. This is for the most part due to old age, or dead or missing batteries. A smoke alarm, like any home appliance, should be updated and maintained.

Take these steps to protect your family:

- ✔ Install smoke alarms in every room of the home and especially in or near all sleeping areas.
- ✔ Test your smoke alarms quarterly and change batteries every six months to make sure they are working properly.
- ✔ Replace smoke alarms that are at least 10 years old.

Consider installing wireless interconnected smoke alarms, such as those in the Kidde Wireless System. The alarms are linked, so when one sounds, all will sound.



Fire Extinguishers

Results from a nationwide research study show that only one in three (34%) American households have more than one fire extinguisher while nearly four out of five (78%) have more than one television. Having a fire extinguisher within reach can help you create a path to safety, and may even help put out a small, contained fire. Be safer in your home by learning more about fire extinguishers.

- ✔ Place a fire extinguisher within easy reach in rooms where fires are more likely to start such as the kitchen, living room and laundry room. Place a fire extinguisher in the bedroom for use in case you need to create a path to safety. Nearly half of all fatal fires occur during late night and early morning hours, when families are asleep.
- ✔ Choose a multipurpose extinguisher that is large enough to put out a small fire but not too heavy to handle.
- ✔ Learn to use a fire extinguisher properly.
- ✔ Always call the fire department before you try to extinguish a fire yourself.

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Other Fire Safety Tips

- ✔ Make sure everyone in your home knows how to call 9-1-1 in case of fire or emergency.
- ✔ Practice a home fire escape plan regularly with the entire family. Practice during the day and night. Be aware of who may not wake to the sound of an alarm and assign an adult to assist that person during an emergency.
- ✔ Be safe if you smoke by dousing cigarette and cigar butts with water before dumping them.
- ✔ Use caution not to overload electrical outlets, extension cords or power strips. Check all wires and cords for damage regularly.