

ARE YOU DOING ENOUGH TO PREVENT A HOME FIRE?

Despite a recent study revealing that 97% of households have installed smoke alarms, home fires continue to be the third leading cause of unintentional home injury-related deaths.

According to the Home Safety Council's report, although the majority of Americans report having smoke alarms installed within their homes, only 20% actually test their smoke alarms on a regular basis. Additional research also shows that more than half of American families (64%) polled have never planned or practiced a fire escape plan.

Install and Test Smoke Alarms

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.
- Never disable smoke alarms.
- Smoke alarms do not last forever; replace once every 10 years.
- Consider installing an automatic home fire sprinkling system.

Creating a Fire Escape Plan

- Gather the entire household and devise a plan.
- Investigate all possible exits and escape routes.
- Verify the working operation of all locks.
- Practice your plan with the entire family at least twice a year. (Day and night)
- Select an outside location for a meeting place.
- Once out, stay out