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# SAFETY TALK

## Fire Prevention Week October 6-12

This year's Fire Prevention Week's theme is

**SMOKE ALARMS: MAKE THEM WORK FOR YOU!**

**REPLACEMENT:** Age matters when it comes to smoke alarms. All smoke alarms need to be replaced when they are **10 years old** or if they don't respond when tested. *Fire is fast! You could have less than 2 minutes to get out of a house fire safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly!*

**CONSIDERATIONS:** Make sure smoke alarms **meet the needs of all family members**, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

**LOCATION:** Smoke alarms should be installed on **every level of the home, outside each sleeping area, and inside each bedroom**. For the best protection, interconnect all the smoke alarms so when one sounds, they all sound.

*Taking a few seconds to test your smoke alarms could save a life. **Test smoke alarms at least once a month** by pushing the test button. Following manufacturers instructions for cleaning and **replace the batteries in your smoke alarms once every 6 months!***



### HAVE A PLAN

Have a **home fire escape plan**. Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows. Visit each room. Find 2 ways out. All windows and doors open easily. Pick an outside meeting place a safe distance from your home where everyone should meet. Insure the house or building number is visible from the street. **Practice your home fire drill at least twice a year with everyone in the household**. Practice your plan during the day and at night.

Sources: [NFPA](http://NFPA.org) | [The National Fire Protection Association](http://TheNationalFireProtectionAssociation.org)

*Safety is everyone's responsibility!*

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU TESTED YOUR SMOKE ALARMS?

WHERE ARE YOUR SMOKE ALARM LOCATIONS IN YOUR HOME?

When was the last time you changed your smoke alarm batteries?

EMPLOYEE CONCERNS & IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENT:

EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

FOLLOW UP ON CONCERNS:

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