

Install, Inspect, Protect....

United States Fire Administration and the Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View Fire Department

S m o k e A l a r m s

- Place properly installed and maintained smoke alarms **both inside and outside** of sleeping areas and on every level of your home.
- Interconnected smoke alarms; if one sounds, they all sound.
- Alarms that are hardwired and those that are battery operated need to be replaced every ten years.
- Test smoke alarms monthly and change batteries when you change your clocks; every six months.
- Consider buying a long-life (lithium) battery-powered smoke alarm, which may last up to ten years with no battery change.
- Install smoke alarms away from air vents.
- Install smoke alarms on the ceiling or wall, at least 4 inches from corners and no lower than 12 inches on the wall.
- If a smoke alarm sounds during normal cooking, open the door or window, fan the area with a towel to get the air moving. If it alarms while bathing or showering, press the hush button if the smoke alarm has one.
- **Do not** disable the smoke alarm or take out the batteries.

E s c a p e P l a n n i n g

- Prepare and practice an escape route with all residents in the home, including children.
- Know two ways to exit from every room in your home.
- Close all bedrooms door when asleep at nights.
- Crawl low, under smoke.
- Feel closed doors. If hot, use another exit.
- If you are on the second or third floor, consider buying a fire ladder.
- Identify **one** place to meet household members outside.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number *after* you escape.
- **Never** go back inside a burning home.

*For more information about staying safe in your home, make an appointment for a **free** Home Safety Survey @763-767-4003.*