



A WORKING SMOKE ALARM IS YOUR BEST LIFE INSURANCE.

Oregonians die in fires every year because they don't have a working smoke alarm. If your home has battery-powered ionization smoke alarms, these tips are for you.

How should I protect my family and my neighbors?

- Be sure your smoke alarms have a 10-year long-life battery and a hush button.
- Install alarms on every level, outside each sleeping area and in every bedroom. Vacuum them monthly.

How does the hush button work?

- If the smoke alarm goes off and there is no fire, (i.e. burning toast) push the hush button. It will beep once a minute for up to 15 minutes and then reset itself.
- **Do not remove the battery!**
- Open the windows and/or doors to clear the smoke.

What if my alarm is making a chirping noise?

- Replace it with a new smoke alarm that has the 10-year long-life battery and hush button.

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What if my alarm has the 10-year battery and hush button and makes a chirping noise?

- Return it to the manufacturer and install a new one.

What else should I do?

- Replace smoke alarms that are over ten years old.
- Test and replace non-working smoke alarms.

I am a renter. What do I need to know about smoke alarms?

- The landlord-tenant laws in Oregon require landlords to provide working smoke alarms and forbid tenants from disabling them.
- If you are the renter, you are responsible for maintaining working smoke alarms. Not maintaining, or disabling a smoke alarm, puts you, your family and your neighbors at risk.

Is there anything else I should know?

- YES! Many children can and will continue to sleep after a smoke alarm goes off. ***It is your responsibility to plan for this and awaken them.***

Your fire department has more information to help you prevent a fire. Call them or visit www.sfm.state.or.us.

***Remember,
Home Fire Safety
Is Up to You!***