

Is Your Smoke Detector Working?

Most people have smoke detectors in their homes, but do they actually work?

- * 92% of all homes have smoke detectors but nearly 1/3 of them don't work.
- * Non-working smoke detectors are factors in many of the thousands of deaths and injuries caused by home fires each year. The number is hard to pinpoint; however some studies indicate that there are approximately 800 deaths and 50,000-100,000 injuries each year.
- * In the United States about 65% of home fire deaths occur in the homes that without smoke detectors (8%).
- * A working smoke detector cuts the risk of dying in a home fire by nearly half by providing an early warning and critical extra seconds to escape.

Smoke detector maintenance is one of the simplest, most effective ways to protect your families and home.

How?

- * When you change your clocks, change your batteries!
- * Test your smoke detectors regularly.
- * Vacuum them to prevent dust build up.

