Home Fire Safety Facts

Fire Facts (from NFPA.org):

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Smoke Alarms Save Lives

If you have a working smoke alarm in your home, your chances of surviving a fire in your home are increased by 50%. Follow the manufacturer's directions for installation, testing and maintenance of the smoke alarms. NFPA.org reports the following information related to smoke alarms and home fires.

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You should test your smoke alarms at least monthly for proper operation and change the batteries when you change your clocks, once in the spring and once in the fall. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) also recommends replacing your smoke alarm if it is more than 10 years old. According to NFPA, the alarms have a 30 percent chance of failure after being installed for 10 years. NFPA also recommends that smoke alarms be installed on each level of the structure and in every sleeping area. The smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds they all sound and should have a battery back-up system so when there is a power failure the smoke alarm will operate properly.