

## What if I have a false alarm?

- Do not disable smoke alarms activated by cooking or other non-fire causes
- Use the smoke alarm's hush feature if available
- Open windows and doors to clear smoke from your home

For more information on smoke alarms and Oregon's smoke alarm law, visit:  
[www.oregon.gov/osp/sfm/commed\\_sa\\_program.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/osp/sfm/commed_sa_program.shtml)



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*Where  
there's  
smoke...  
there's fire!*



**Find smoke before it finds you!**

**Smoke alarm information from the  
Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal**



**HOME FIRE  
SAFETY**

**IS UP TO YOU!**



# Home Fire Safety Starts With **YOU!**



## Why should my home have smoke alarms?

- Most fire deaths are caused by smoke – not flames
- Most fire deaths and injuries occur between midnight and 8 a.m. when families are asleep
- Seconds count! You only have minutes to escape a house fire
- The earlier a smoke alarm alerts you to a fire, the more likely you will get out alive

## Where do I install smoke alarms?

- On each level of your home
- Outside each sleeping area
- Inside each bedroom

## What types of smoke alarms are available?

- **Ionization:** Quicker at sensing flaming, fast moving fires
- **Photoelectric:** Quicker at sensing smoldering fires
- **Combination or dual sensor:** These have ionization and photoelectric sensors in one unit to sense flaming and smoldering fires
- **Smoke/carbon monoxide:** Activated by smoke or carbon monoxide
- **Visual** (strobe light) **and tactile** (shaker): For the deaf and those hard of hearing

## How do I keep my smoke alarm working?

- Test smoke alarms monthly
- Vacuum smoke alarms regularly to remove dust and cobwebs
- Never disconnect or remove smoke alarm batteries for other uses
- Ionization powered with 10 year batteries – replace the entire unit every 8-10 years
- Photoelectric and combination – replace the batteries at least once per year, and replace the entire unit every 8-10 years
- Hard-wired with battery backup – replace batteries at least once per year, and replace the entire unit every 8-10 years

**Working smoke alarms more than double your chances of surviving a fire.**

