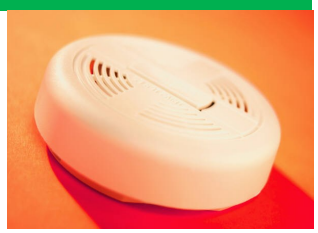
Smoke Detectors

What Is The Importance Of A Smoke Detector, And Tips On Preventing A Fire

The importance of smoke detectors



- Smoke detectors provide an early warning that there is a fire so that everyone in your home can reach safety.
- Since smoke detectors can save lives when there is a fire, it is important that they are in good working order at all times.
- Maintenance personnel check smoke detectors on a regular basis to ensure that they are in good working order; you can help by not tampering with smoke detectors.

What happens if I tamper with a smoke detector?

- Tampering means removing, covering, or taking apart smoke detectors or removing any part of a smoke detector, including the batteries.
- If you tamper with a smoke detector, you may be legally responsible for costs and damages in the event of a fire.

What if my smoke detector goes off for no reason?

- Sometimes smoke detectors are so sensitive that they go off when there is no fire. Dirty fans may cause a smoke detector to go off.
- If a smoke detector is too sensitive, phone the housing authority and someone will visit your home to adjust the smoke detector.

Tips on preventing fires

- Carelessness is one of the leading causes of fires in the home. Follow these tips to reduce the risk of a fire in your home:

- Keep matches and lighters away from children.
- When you are not home, do not leave halogen lights on since the heat they produce can start a fire.
- Use candles cautiously. Do not leave candles unattended.
- Do not place lit candles near walls, furniture, or curtains.
- Avoid multitasking when cooking. An unattended stove is a fire risk.
- Do not store items on the stove top or in the oven.

Something to think about….

Do not tamper with smoke detectors: you may put your safety or the safety of others at risk.

Contact your local housing authority for more information

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