



FIRE PREVENTION and LIFE SAFETY EDUCATION E-BULLETIN

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September

No one wants to believe a house fire could impact their family, but house fires occur more often than people think. According to the NFPA, home fires kill an average of seven people every day and caused \$11.6 billion in property damage during 2010. One of the most important tools in keeping your family safe is a working fire alarm.

In a recent survey by Omnibus, more than 50 percent of people reported removing the batteries from their home's smoke alarms. A working smoke alarm can make all the difference in whether a family has the critical time to escape a home fire.

On average, families have less than three minutes from the time the first smoke alarm sounds to escape a fire. That's why it's so important to keep a working smoke alarm on every level of your home and outside each sleeping area and to have an escape plan in place for your family.

Other essential home fire safety guidelines include:

- Test alarms once a month.
- Keep extra Energizer batteries on hand for fire alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Install a fire extinguisher in or near kitchen.
- Keep flashlights with fresh batteries at your bedside for help in finding the way out and signaling for help in the event of a fire.
- Develop and practice emergency escape plan.
- Participate in the "Change Your Clock Change Your Battery" campaign. Each year when you change your clocks for daylight saving time, change the batteries in your home's smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

When you change your clocks for daylight-saving time, change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, and remind your friends, family, and neighbors to do the same. To download your escape grid or get more information, visit [facebook.com/energizerbunny](https://www.facebook.com/energizerbunny)

October

“On average, firefighters respond to more than 400 kitchen fires every day”

Kitchen safety tips to homeowners that align with the Fire Prevention Week theme:

- When you fry, grill, or broil food, stay in the kitchen.
- Maintain a kid- and pet-free zone at least 3 feet away from the stove.
- Turn pot handles away from the stove’s edge.
- Keep a lid and oven mitt nearby when you’re cooking to use in case of a grease fire. If you have a grease fire, slide a lid over the pan. Turn off the burner and leave the pan covered until it is completely cool

The Waynesboro Fire Department will be hosting tours, presentations, and Open House during Fire Prevention Week to promote “Fire Prevention Week. “Prevent Kitchen Fires” Through these educational, family-oriented activities, residents can learn more about the power of prevention and available technologies to protect their own families from fire.

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week programs and activities in Waynesboro, please contact the Waynesboro Fire Department at 540-942-6730. To learn more about “Fire Prevention Week - Prevent Kitchen Fires” visit NFPA’s Web site at www.firepreventionweek.org

- On October 13th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. the Waynesboro Fire Department will be having open house.



Fire Prevention and Life Safety presentations by appointment

- Tours of the fire department are given by appointment throughout the year. An average tour which includes various fire and life safety topics is approximately 45 minutes in length.
- The “Kid’s Safety House”, an interactive tool that teaches and reinforces safety topics in a classroom setting.
- Fire Prevention and Life Safety presentations available for businesses, clubs, and organizations.

For more information or to schedule an appointment please call 540-942-6730.

Information came off NFPA website