

Fire Prevention Week - Learn the sounds of fire safety

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This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety!" works to educate everyone about the different sounds the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make. Knowing what to do when an alarm sounds will keep you and your family safe. When an alarm makes noises – a beeping sound or a chirping sound – you must take action.

Is there a beep or a chirp coming out of your smoke or carbon monoxide alarm? What does it all mean? Knowing the difference can save you, your home and your family. Make sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and knows how to respond. Learn the sounds of your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms by checking the user guide or search the brand and model online

What if someone in my home is deaf or hard of hearing?

There are smoke alarms and alert devices that alert people who are deaf or hard of hearing. These devices include strobe lights that flash to alert people when the smoke alarm sounds. Pillow or bed shakers designed to work with your smoke alarm also can be purchased and installed.

Every bedroom needs a working smoke alarm. Half of home fire deaths happen between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep. Install carbon monoxide alarms in a central location outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of your home. More than 150 people in the U.S. die every year from accidental non-fire related carbon monoxide poisoning.

Visit the links below for the Presidential Proclamation on Fire Prevention Week and for more information on “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety!”

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/10/01/a-proclamation-on-fire-prevention-week-2021/> <https://www.nfpa.org/Events/Events/Fire-Prevention-Week/About>