

The background of the advertisement features a central horizontal band with a dark, smoky, and blue-tinted texture, suggesting smoke or fire. This band is flanked by solid red horizontal bars at the top and bottom, creating a high-contrast, urgent visual theme.

SMOKE ALARMS:

WORKING TO KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE

SMOKE ALARMS IN THE HOME

Nearly two-thirds of all home fire deaths (2005-2009) occurred in homes without any smoke alarms or without working alarms. - *NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION*

Working smoke alarms on each floor of your home will help keep your family safe if there is a fire.

A non-working alarm is the same as not having one at all - It can only warn you of a fire in your home if it works!

INSTALL. MAINTAIN. LIVE.



Did You Know?

A recent change to Maryland law requires you to replace the old battery operated smoke alarms in your home with new ***smoke alarms with 10-year long life batteries***. If you alarms are 10 or more years old it's time to replace them.

KEEP YOUR ALARMS

WORKING SMOKE ALARMS INCREASE YOUR CHANCE OF SURVIVING A FIRE AT HOME

Install alarms on every floor of your home and near sleeping areas. When seconds matter, working smoke alarms will alert you and your loved ones before it's too late to escape from a fire. Getting out quickly and calling 9-1-1 will also help us stop the fire before it spreads through the house.



WORKING FOR YOU



THINGS THAT YOU SHOULD REMEMBER ABOUT YOUR SMOKE ALARMS

- Test your smoke alarms monthly.
- Maintain them as directed in manufacturer's instructions.
- Replace the smoke alarms in your home every 10 years.
- NEVER disable alarms while cooking or for any other reason.

A PLAN TO LIVE BY

GET OUT AND STAY OUT!

Remember that once you're outside, stay there! **DO NOT** go back into your home for any reason. Go to your designated meeting place and if someone is missing tell the firefighters when they arrive.

MAKE A HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

- Sit down with your family and agree on a meeting place outside your home. It could be a tree, a mailbox, a neighbor's house, or any place that is a safe place away from your home.
- Talk about different ways to get out of your house in case an exit is blocked.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Practice your home fire escape plan with your family each month. Talk about what you learned everytime that you practiced. Did everything go well? Or is there something that you learned?

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