

# Fire Safety

## City of Lockport Fire Department *SMOKE DETECTORS*



Installing smoke detectors is the **smart** thing to do. It is also the **safe** thing to do. In the City of Lockport, **it's the law!**

Did you know??

- **Landlords must install smoke detectors** in multiple-dwelling apartment buildings? But it is **your** responsibility to maintain them!

And did you know??

- Most **fire deaths occur at home.**
- Most occur in homes **with no working smoke detectors.**

So why take the risk?  
Install smoke detectors!  
They really do work!  
... and it's the law.

Follow these tips to help save your life & property from fire:

1. For minimum protection, **install a smoke detector outside of each bedroom** or sleeping area in your home. Keep your bedroom doors closed while you are asleep. Better yet, install smoke detectors on every level of your home.
2. Keep your smoke detectors properly maintained. **Test them once a week** to ensure that the detectors are working properly. Every Spring and Fall when you change your clocks, remember to **change your smoke detector batteries.**
3. If your smoke detector sounds an alarm when no smoke is present, it may be defective or it might have a low battery. If smoke from cooking materials causes the detector to sound an alarm, **do not remove the batteries or disconnect the power source.** Simply fan the smoke away from the detector until the alarm stops. If this happens frequently, it may be necessary to relocate the detector or install a different type of detector.
4. **Develop an escape plan** and review the plan with all members of the family frequently. Be aware that children and elderly people may need special assistance should a fire occur. Establish a meeting place outside the house for all members of the family to ensure that everyone gets out safely. **When fire occurs, get out of the house** and use a neighbor's telephone to notify the Fire Department. Dial 911.