



ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY FIRE PREVENTION WEEK FACT SHEET 2024



- Approximately 43 percent of home fire deaths occur in properties without smoke alarms (NFPA 2024).
- Homes with working smoke alarms have a 60 percent lower risk of home fire death (NFPA 2024).
- Once a smoke alarm sounds, you may have less than 2 minutes to get outside safely (U.S. Fire Administration 2023).
- Risk of dying in a home fire decreases 82 percent if there are both sprinklers and smoke alarms installed in the home (American Red Cross).
- At a minimum, install smoke alarms on every level of the home and inside and outside each sleeping area and test them once a month (U.S. Fire Administration 2024).
- Completely replace smoke alarms every 10 years or if they do not sound when tested (U.S. Fire Administration 2024).
- While 71% of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only 47% of those have practiced it (NFPA 2022).
- Every two and a half hours, someone is killed in a home fire in America. In a typical year, 20,000 people are injured in home fires (American Red Cross 2022).
- Half of home fire deaths occur between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep (U.S. Fire Administration 2024).
- A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire (NFPA 2022).
- Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound (NFPA 2022).