



ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY FIRE PREVENTION WEEK TALKING POINTS 2024



- Fire Prevention Week is October 6th through October 12th
- This year's National Fire Protection Association theme is "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!"
- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, in hallways outside bedrooms or sleeping areas, and on every level of the home.
- Install smoke alarms on the ceiling or high on a wall. Make sure they are at least 10 feet away from the stove and 3 feet from doors leading to the kitchen to reduce false alarms.
- Check the back of the smoke alarm for the manufacture date and replace all alarms when they are 10 years old.
- Use interconnected smoke alarms so when one sounds, they all sound.
- Special alarms with strobe lights and bed shakers are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- Test all smoke alarms once a month.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for cleaning the smoke alarms.
- Teach children what the smoke alarm sounds like and what to do if they hear it.
- Practice home fire drills at least twice a year.
- Make a home escape plan, draw a map of each level of the home, show all doors and windows, and go to each room and point to the two ways out.
- Make sure everyone in your home knows how to call 9-1-1, or your local emergency number, from a mobile phone or a trusted neighbor's phone.
- Have an outside meeting place (something permanent, like a tree, light pole, or mailbox) a safe distance in front of the home where firefighters will easily find you.