

November - Home Fire Facts

- ❑ Somewhere in the nation, a home fire death occurs approximately every three hours. The peak time for home fire fatalities is between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. – when most people are sleeping.
- ❑ Smoke alarms most often fail because of missing, dead or disconnected batteries.
- ❑ Only 23 percent of families in the United States have developed and practiced a home fire escape plan to ensure they could escape quickly and safely.
- ❑ Tragically, many people mistakenly believe they'd be awakened by the smell of smoke in time to escape. Clinical experiments have found the sense of smell actually lessens when people are asleep. Therefore, when smoke enters a bedroom, it does not always awaken the individual. In addition, smoke disorients people and dulls their senses, making it less likely other cues, such as cries for help, will awaken them. This is why working home smoke alarms are so important.

