

Fire Prevention Week 2021

Risk: Smoke Alarms/CO Alarms (FPW Theme)



2021's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety!" works to educate everyone about the different sounds the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make. Knowing what to do when an alarm sounds will keep you and your family safe. When an alarm makes noises - a beeping sound or a chirping sound - you must take action.

About Fire Prevention Week

Since 1922, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has sponsored the public observance of Fire Prevention Week. In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in our country. During Fire Prevention Week, children, adults, and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire. Firefighters provide lifesaving public education in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fires.

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage. This horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land.

Preventing Fire Risks

Smoke Alarms: - A continued set of three loud beeps - beep, beep, beep - means smoke or fire. Get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out. - A single "chirp" every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed. - All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years. - Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms: - A continuous set of four loud beeps - beep, beep, beep, beep - means carbon monoxide is present in your home. Go outside, call 9-1-1, and stay out. - A single "chirp" every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be replaced. - CO alarms also have "end of life" sounds that vary by manufacturer. This means it's time to get a new CO alarm. - Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

Useful Resources:

National Fire Protection Association Fire Prevention Week -
<https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Staying-safe/Preparedness/Fire-Prevention-Week/About>

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