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Smoke Detectors Save Lives

Homes without working smoke detectors are likely to suffer more damage.

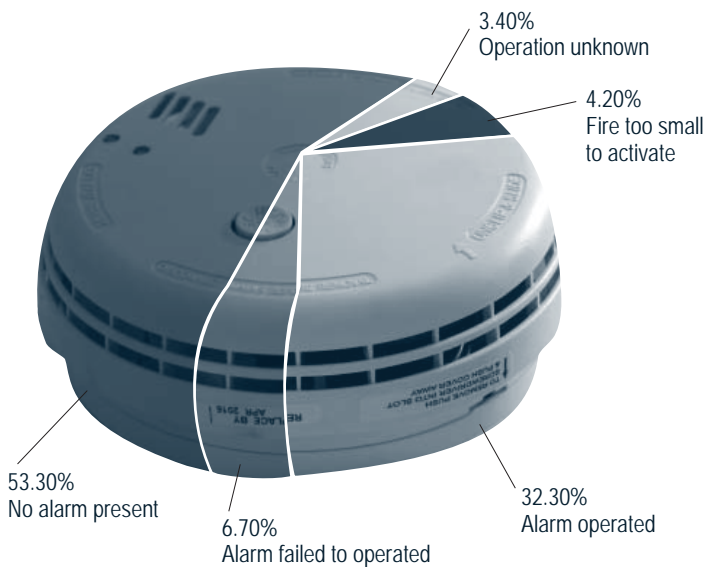
Recently Lawrence Douglas County Fire Medical had the opportunity to visit with residents of 34 homes in a neighborhood. This survey revealed that nine homes or 26% of the residents visited were without a working smoke detector. “No matter how small the survey, the results are disturbing,” said Fire Marshal Rich Barr. “Nearly one in four of the single family homes were without one of the basic tools to help families survive a fire.”

Importance of a smoke detector

- A smoke detector increases your chance of surviving a fire by nearly 50%.
- A smoke detector gives you time to escape a fire.
- A smoke detector reduces property damage from a fire.

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Smoke Detectors in Fires



Nationally, less than half of residents have a smoke detector. The majority of fatal home fires happen at night when people are asleep. Smoke detectors

FAQ's Frequently Asked Questions

What do I do with my Christmas Tree after the holidays?

Solid Waste crews will collect live-cut Christmas trees for recycling from local households on Friday, December 29; Friday, January 5; and Monday, January 8. The trees will become new homes for area wildlife.

To prepare the trees for use by wildlife, remove all lights, decorations, tinsel, ornaments and tree stands. The tree may be placed next to your regular trash container for pickup. Those serviced by dumpsters should place the tree beside the dumpster.

How do I report a street light that isn't working?

The city pays Westar Energy to maintain street lights and make necessary repairs. You can reach Westar Energy at 1-800-383-1183.

How do I report a pothole?

Report a pothole location on the Pothole Reporting line: (785) 832-3456 and a pothole report form is online at <http://www.lawrencepublicworks.org>.

How can I become more involved in the city government process?

The city supports more than 40 advisory boards and committees to continuously solicit input from Lawrence citizens. Volunteers can serve on boards and committees ranging from the Traffic Safety Commission to the Community Commission on Homelessness and the Lawrence Arts Commission. Information about all citizen advisory boards including any vacancies can be found on the web at <http://www.lawrenceks.org/boards.shtml>.

Is there a snow removal ordinance in the city?

Yes, to make public sidewalks safe for pedestrians, the owner or occupant of property immediately adjacent to a public sidewalk is responsible for the removal of any snow or ice that accumulates on the sidewalk. Removal must be done within 24 hours after the ice forms or the snowfall ends.

In the event that removal of ice is impossible, the property owner or occupant is required to place sand on the sidewalk within 24 hours.

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Life Saving Smoke Detectors (Cont. from p.1)

Your home needs

- A working smoke detector with a fresh battery.
- A smoke detector that is less than ten years old.
- A working smoke detector on each level of your home, including the basement.
- A working smoke detector outside of every sleeping area.
- Smoke detectors mounted high on a wall or ceiling because smoke rises.

What if your smoke detector goes off while you are cooking?

Answer: Do not disable it. Turn on the range fan, open a window or wave a towel near the alarm. In kitchen areas, consider using a photoelectric type smoke detector with a "hush" feature.

What if your smoke detectors randomly sounds?

Answer: Replace your smoke detector battery

at least once a year or whenever your alarm "chirps" to tell you the battery is low.

What if you don't have smoke detectors in your home?

Answer: Smoke detectors can be purchased at most hardware and home improvement stores. If the cost of smoke detectors pose a financial burden, contact Lawrence Douglas County Fire Medical at (785) 830-7000 to learn about programs that can supply smoke detectors free of charge.

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Graffiti Removal 832-5354

Bulky Items Pick Up 832-3022

Trash Pick Up 832-3022

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Recycling Drop Box 832-3030

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Mulch Sale and Compost Giveaway 832-3450 832-3030

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