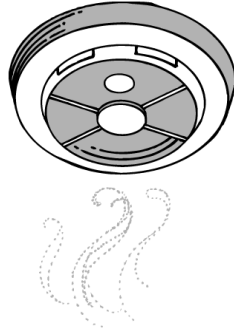


Marinwood Fire Department Smoke Detector Program

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Fire prevention and safety in the home are major concerns for all community fire departments. The Marinwood Fire Department has many resources available to the public to help keep our homes safe. One of these assets is the Smoke Detector Program. The Fire Department sponsors a free service designed to ensure all homes in Marinwood and County Service Area 13 are equipped with a working smoke detectors.

This program is available to any Marinwood and CSA 13 resident. The Marinwood Fire Department will install new smoke detectors in all locations where needed absolutely free. These smoke detectors are located in the home as prescribed by the manufacturer and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). The homeowner and occupants are instructed in their use and maintenance.

- If you rent your home and smoke detectors do not work or are not present
 - Contact the Fire Department
 - Property owners are required to provide working smoke detectors in their residential rental properties; the Chief will assist in having the owners install the smoke detector.
- If you own your home and are unable to purchase a smoke detector
 - Contact the Fire Department
 - Firefighters will install a properly located, battery-operated smoke detector at no charge.

The Marinwood Fire Department will also check existing smoke detectors to ensure they are working and in a proper location. **Also, it is time to change your smoke detector batteries. Every time you change your clock, its time to change your smoke detector batteries.**

A Smoke Detector can SAVE YOUR LIFE!

Fire Facts:

- Fire in your home can turn a familiar environment into a confusing maze. Develop a home escape plan and practice with your family.
- Smoke kills -- most fire victims die from smoke inhalation long before the flames reach them.
- More fire deaths occur when people are sleeping, between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.
- Fire increases in temperature quickly.
- According to the NFPA, you have less than two (2) minutes to escape your house.
- In a fire, seconds really do mean the difference between life and death. A properly located, working smoke detector can give you those valuable seconds to get you and your family outside to safety.

Facts about Smoke Detectors

Smoke Detectors are indispensable tools for life safety but they require proper installation and maintenance. Location is critical for ample warning. Caring for smoke detectors is quick and easy task. Check the following recommendations or contact the Fire Prevention Division for any questions.

- Every home should have at least one smoke detector
 - In the vicinity of sleeping rooms
 - On each level of living space (including basements)
- Test battery operator smoke detectors weekly
 - Electrical (AC) powered smoke detectors should be tested monthly
 - Replace batteries at least twice a year
 - Daylight Savings and Pacific Standard Time is a good day to remember to replace batteries.
- Keep the outside cover of the detector free from dust and dirt.
 - Lightly vacuum or dust from the outside
 - Do not take it apart to clean or repair
- Replace your smoke detectors that are over ten years old.

To find out more about fire safety or smoke alarms, please contact The Marinwood Fire Department at (415) 479-0122.