

**It's that time of year...  
Time to check your smoke alarms!**

**Batteries should be replaced  
twice a year,  
Fourth of July  
& Winter Holidays.**

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**The first line of defense...smoke detectors**

Without a working smoke detector in the house, all of its occupants are sitting ducks in a fire. Many people mistakenly assume that if there was a fire in the house, they would be able to smell the smoke and wake up. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Smoke is carbon monoxide. It will not wake you up, no matter how good of a nose you have, but rather, it will put its occupants into a deeper sleep.

Studies show that 80 percent of fatal fires are attributed to either a non-functioning smoke detector, or no smoke detectors at all. The presence of functional smoke detectors is the first and most important step in child safety.