



Just Like A Hero, Let A Smoke Detector Save Your Life!

Last year, more than 14,000 Ohio families found out first-hand the devastation that fire can cause, and it happened in the place they safest – their home. Smoke and fire killed 101 people - **half** of whom could have been **saved** had their homes been equipped with **working** smoke detectors.

Smoke is the leading cause of residential deaths. Smoke contains poisonous gases, which when inhaled cuts off the oxygen to your brain, preventing escape.

What can you do to increase your odds of surviving a residential fire?

1. Have a **working** smoke detector on every level of your home and *inside* all occupied sleeping areas.
2. Test your smoke detector monthly - make the first Tuesday of the month **Test Day**.
3. Change the batteries in you smoke detectors **two** times a year.
(Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery)
4. Clean (vacuum) your smoke detectors at least once a year.
5. Have a Home Fire Escape Plan and practice it - **tonight**.
6. Sleep with your bedroom door closed.
7. Replace your smoke detector if it is more than 10 years old.