

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FIRE AND EMS DEPARTMENT



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## Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Program

People in your community need the facts: in half of the fires in which smoke alarms did not operate, the batteries had been removed or disconnected. Three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or smoke alarms that were not working. With the right knowledge and the top tips for home smoke alarm safety, you can help make the homes and the people in your community a whole lot safer!

### **Smoke Alarm Program Qualifications**

To qualify for a smoke alarm, you must meet the each item below



1. Single Family Dwelling
2. County Resident
3. Homeowner
4. One Alarm per Household
5. No working smoke alarms
6. No hardwired alarms

If you know of someone who is deaf or hard of hearing, please contact Fire and Burn Safety Coalition of Maryland, Inc. at [fabscommmd@gmail.com](mailto:fabscommmd@gmail.com) to obtain information on how to receive a bed shaker or strobe light smoke alarm.

## Sounds of Fire Safety: What is your alarm telling you?

### Smoke Alarms

- A continued set of three loud beeps-beep, beep, beep - means smoke or fire. Get out, stay out, and call 9-1-1!
- A single "chirp" every 30 to 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be charged/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 Alarms

- A continuous set of four loud beeps - beep, beep, beep, beep - means carbon monoxide is present in your home. Get out, stay out, and call 9-1-1!
- A single chirp every 30 to 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.

**Hear a Beep,  
Get on Your Feet!**



**Hear a Chirp,  
Make a Change!**