

SMOKE DETECTORS AND PREPARATION SAVE LIVES

The Township Committee and the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department are reminding residents of the importance and value in having properly operating smoke detectors in your home. A smoke detector may save your life!

If a fire occurs in your home, your chances for survival are two times better when smoke detectors are present. Smoke detectors should be placed on the ceiling because smoke and heat rise and then spread along the ceiling. A smoke detector should be installed in the immediate area of the bedrooms, at least one on each floor of the house and on the ceiling above the bottom step of the stairway going upstairs from the basement. Keep smoke detectors away from air supply registers.

Smoke detectors should be tested every week. The face and grillwork of the detector should be cleaned to remove dust and grease and dust should be blown out through the grillwork. Batteries should be changed on a regular basis. As a reminder, change your batteries when you change your clocks.

Be prepared, know at least (2) ways out of your house. Parents with school age children are urged to consult with your children when planning exit drills in your home. Your children are learning "fire safety skills" in the local schools and you may learn from them. Remember, "**A WORKING SMOKE DETECTOR CAN BE YOUR BEST PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE**" in your home.

For further information about smoke detectors please contact Wyckoff Fire Marshall Fred Depken at 201-891-7000.