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New Smoke Alarm law in Illinois

UPDATED ILLINOIS SMOKE ALARM LAW - Effective January 1, 2023 -

In 2017, the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance worked with the General Assembly to pass a law which will require Illinois residents to replace their old smoke alarms with the type that has a long-term, 10-year sealed battery beginning January 1, 2023. This would apply to residents that are still using alarms with removable batteries or alarms that are not hardwired.



What is the Updated Illinois Smoke Alarm Law?

- Since 1988, all dwellings in Illinois have been required to have smoke alarms.
- In 2017, Public Act 100-0200 was passed to update the Illinois Smoke Detector Act to reflect advances in alarm technology.
- Come January 1, 2023, any new smoke alarm being installed within a single or multi-family home are required to be featured with a 10-year sealed battery.
- Smoke alarms in single or multi-family homes prior to January 1, 2023 may remain in place until they exceed 10 years from their manufactured date, fails to respond to operability tests, or otherwise malfunctions.

Exemptions

- Homes built after 1988 that already have hardwired smoke alarms.
- Homes with wireless integrated alarms that use low-power radio frequency communications, Wi-Fi, or other Wireless Local Area Networking capability.

To view the Illinois law in its entirety, visit www.IFSA.org/smoke-alarm-law



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BENEFIT OF 10-YEAR SEALED BATTERIES



HASSLE-FREE
No more climbing up the ladder to change batteries.



NO LATE-NIGHT LOW BATTERY CHIRPS



MORE SAVING
No more costly battery replacements for the life of the alarm.



The Pontiac Fire Department is teaming up with the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal and the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance to bring this program to the Pontiac community. Please contact Lt. Michael Jahn at the Pontiac Fire Department via email at Michael.Jahn@pontiac.org or call (815)842-3225 if you are interested in learning more about this program.

Program Overview: “Be Alarmed!” is a fire safety education and smoke alarm installation program administered cooperatively between the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance (IFSA) and the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM). The program distributes fire safety education materials and 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms to fire departments in the state of Illinois. The fire departments then deliver the education and install smoke alarms in at-risk homes within their communities while recording data for reporting purposes. Smoke alarms can only be distributed to home-owners per the program’s guidelines. Both the educational materials and smoke alarms are provided to fire departments at **no cost** as a result of funding from both the IFSA and OSFM with additional assistance from Kidde and Menards.

Purpose & Objectives: The program was developed to educate Illinois residents on the dangers of fire in the home and how to prevent fires from occurring in the home, as well as to ensure there are working smoke alarms properly installed in homes. By providing 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms, it ensures that the power source cannot be removed from the unit and, if properly maintained, will last the life of the device.

The program seeks to:

1. Educate Illinois residents, young and old, on home fire safety and prevention methods.
2. Reduce the number of fire-related injuries in Illinois.
3. Reduce the number of fire-related deaths in Illinois.
4. Identify the reason for non-working smoke alarms in Illinois homes.

