

STAY FIRE SMART! DON'T GET BURNED

“PHONE A FRIEND”

Norwich Fire Department members will be making phone calls during fire prevention week (October 4-10) to assist our neighbors with information about smoke alarms and house numbers.

We will ask you to test your smoke alarm.

We ask if your house number is visible from the end of your driveway.

A working smoke alarm significantly increases your chance of surviving a fire. Unfortunately, over 50 percent of homes do not have working smoke alarms. Common reasons for smoke alarms not working:

Missing or dead batteries

Detectors were removed and not reinstalled

Never were installed

Alarms over ten years old

Alarms improperly placed

The following information is from the United States Fire Administration Website:

In the event of a fire, a smoke alarm can save your life and those of your loved ones. They are a very important means of preventing house and apartment fire fatalities by providing an early warning signal -- so you and your family can escape.

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including the basement. Many fatal fires begin late at night or in the early morning. For extra safety, install smoke alarms both inside and outside sleeping areas. ***Please call the Fire Chief at 649-1133 or e-mail fire@norwich.vt.us if you need more information.***

If you have a smoke alarm with batteries:

In standard type battery powered smoke alarms, the batteries need to be replaced at least once per year and the whole unit should be replaced every 8-10 years. Some smoke alarms are powered by batteries that last ten years. After 10 years the entire smoke alarm must be replaced.

In hard-wired, battery back up smoke alarms, the batteries need to be checked monthly, and replaced at least once per year. The entire unit should be replaced every 8-10 years.

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