

Get Out.... Stay Out....

This is what you should do when your home smoke detector activates. Smoke detectors act as an early warning device to alert occupants of a fire, by sounding an alarm when a fire is in its beginning stages. While smoke detectors have proven to be effective lifesavers, they can be limited in operation when batteries are old, removed or installed incorrectly. The Fire department is reaching out to the community to advise them that regular testing and maintenance of your home smoke detectors, and practicing a home fire escape plan can prevent tragedy in a fire.

Your Fire Department reminds you to:

- Install a working smoke detector on every level of the home, outside sleeping areas, and inside bedrooms.
- Test your smoke detector at least once a month.
 - Replace smoke detector batteries at least annually, such as when resetting clocks in the fall or spring.
 - Never disable your smoke detector, even if you experience “nuisance” alarms while cooking or showering

By taking these simple steps you can greatly increase your chances of surviving a fire. If you have any questions regarding the purchase, placement, maintenance or testing of a home smoke detector please contact the Milpitas Fire Department at 586-2800.

Remember...

Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery!
and
Remember to “BEEP” Once a Month
(Testing Your Smoke Detector is “SOUND’ advice)