

LOSS CONTROL BULLETIN

Homeowner Safety

Smoke Alarms

FACT: Fire kills an average of 3,760 people a year in the United States and injures another 20,000.

(US Fire Administration, 1997 - 2006)

FACT: While an estimated 96% of US households have at least one smoke alarm, the smoke alarms do not work in almost 20% of those homes.

(National Fire Protection Association, 2004 Survey)

Smoke alarms are a vital home safety device, but only if properly installed and maintained. Four keys to a properly functioning smoke alarm system are:

- Install a smoke alarm on EVERY level of your home, including the basement. For added protection, put one in each bedroom.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions concerning placement – most will indicate how many inches a ceiling mounted alarm should be from the wall and how many inches a wall mounted alarm should be from the ceiling.
- **Change the batteries in your smoke alarms at least once a year.** Use a birthday, holiday or other event as an annual reminder to change the batteries.
- Test the alarms once a year per the manufacturer's instructions.

Stay safe – Maintain your smoke alarm system!

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