

ESFI Celebrates NFPA's 100th Anniversary of Fire Prevention Week

ESFI is launching its annual campaign in support of the NFPA's Fire Prevention Week, occurring from October 9th through 15th.

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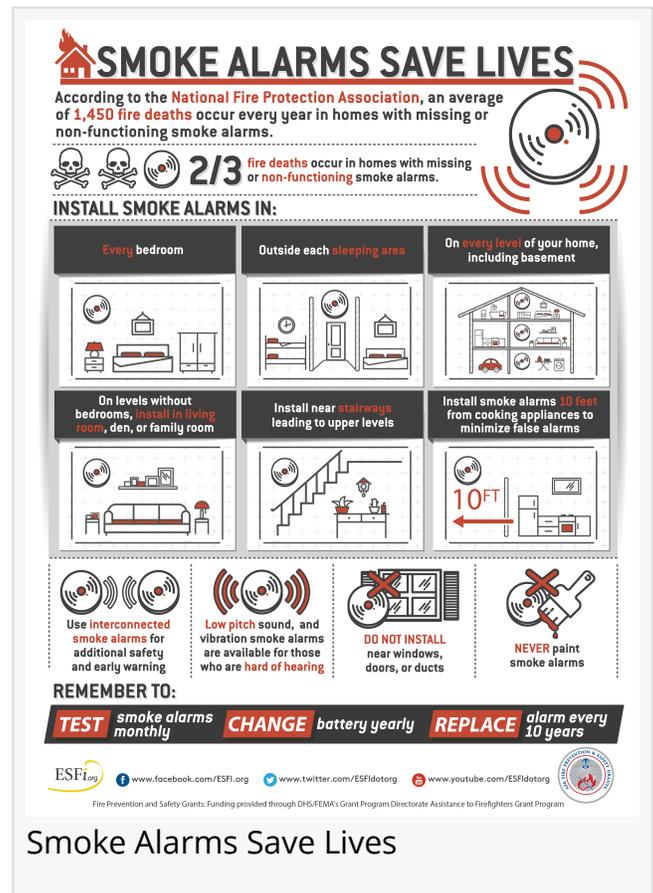
/EINPresswire.com/ -- The Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) is launching its annual campaign in support of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)'s Fire Prevention Week, occurring from October 9th through 15th. The theme for Fire Prevention Week 2022, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape," works to educate the public on the importance of making a fire escape plan for your family. ESFI provides free-to-share resources below to help consumers take proactive measures to prevent home fires.

Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors save lives, but many people live in homes without them. Hundreds of people, especially seniors, die from unintentional exposure to carbon monoxide, and thousands more die in house fires where there are no working smoke alarms. Be sure you're aware of the various smoke alarms available and their requirements to keep your home and yourself safe.

[Home Heating Fire Prevention Tips](#)

Heating equipment caused an estimated 50,500 home fires and 500 deaths between 2013 and 2017, according to the NFPA. Learn how to stay safe with these tips.

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet from heat sources
- Never leave a space heater unattended. Turn off when leaving a room or sleeping
- Never plug a space heater into an extension cord
- Never use a cooking stove to heat your home or dry clothes
- Space heaters on level, flat surfaces on the ground
- Have a qualified service professional inspect your heating system annually



SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

According to the National Fire Protection Association, an average of **1,450 fire deaths** occur every year in homes with missing or non-functioning smoke alarms.

2/3 fire deaths occur in homes with missing or non-functioning smoke alarms.

INSTALL SMOKE ALARMS IN:

- Every bedroom
- Outside each sleeping area
- On every level of your home, including basement
- On levels without bedrooms, install in living room, den, or family room
- Install near stairways leading to upper levels
- Install smoke alarms 10 feet from cooking appliances to minimize false alarms

REMEMBER TO:

- TEST smoke alarms monthly
- CHANGE battery yearly
- REPLACE alarm every 10 years

Use interconnected smoke alarms for additional safety and early warning

Low pitch sound, and vibration smoke alarms are available for those who are hard of hearing

DO NOT INSTALL near windows, doors, or ducts

NEVER paint smoke alarms

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Smoke Alarms Save Lives

- Install and maintain carbon monoxide alarms
- Never use a space heater or any appliance with a damaged cord

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- Bedrooms
- Outside sleeping areas
- On every level of your home, including the basement
- On levels without bedrooms, including the living room, den, or family room
- Near stairways leading to upper levels
- Ten feet from cooking appliances to minimize false alarms
- Remember to:
 - Test smoke alarms monthly
 - Change smoke alarm batteries yearly
 - Replace smoke alarms every ten years

HOME HEATING FIRE PREVENTION TIPS

Heating equipment caused an estimated **56,000** home fires and caused **470** deaths between 2009 and 2013.* Learn how to stay safe.

- Keep anything that can burn at least **3 FEET** from heat sources.
- NEVER** leave a space heater unattended. Turn off when leaving a room or sleeping.
- NEVER** plug a space heater into an extension cord.
- NEVER** use a cooking stove to heat your home or dry clothes.
- Place heaters on level, flat surfaces **ON THE GROUND**.
- Have a **qualified service professional** inspect your heating system **annually**.
- Install and maintain **carbon monoxide alarms**.
- Never use a space heater or any appliance with a **damaged cord**.

*According to the National Fire Protection Association

Please share this free resource to save lives

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ABOUT ESFI

ESFI is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to promoting electrical safety at home and in the workplace. For more information and to use ESFI's free resources throughout your community, visit esfi.org.

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