HOFFMAN SAFETY TALK

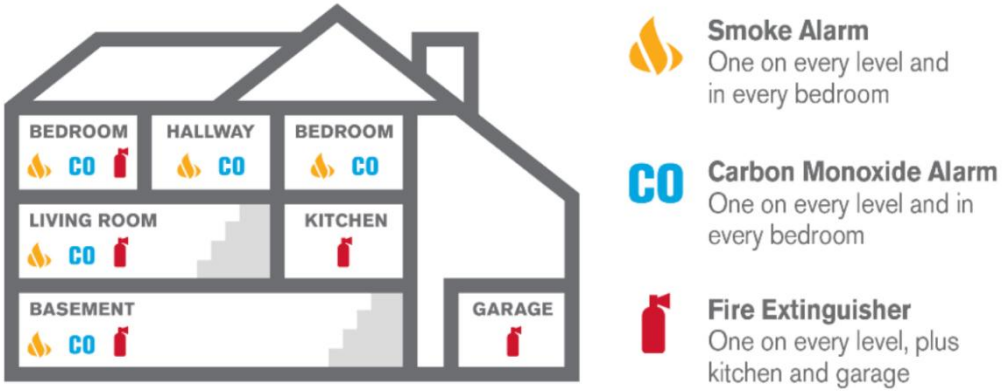
OCTOBER IS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

Week of: 10.05.2026

Having functioning smoke and carbon monoxide detectors installed throughout your home is a vital piece of fire safety. They work around the clock to provide your family with an early alert in the event of an emergency, helping to give you time to safely escape. Installing reliable protection and being proactive is important to help keep your loved ones safe from a fire or carbon monoxide emergency.

Did you know?

- Almost **3 of every 5** home fire deaths resulted from fires with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms (NFPA)
- Carbon monoxide is the **#1 cause of accidental poisoning** in the US (CDC)
- Unattended cooking is the **#1 cause of home fires** (NFPA)
- A fire department responds to a fire every **23 seconds** in America (NFPA)



- **Smoke and CO alarms should be installed on every level of the home**, including the basement, as well as inside and outside each bedroom for whole home protection. Maintain alarms by testing them regularly, changing the batteries every 6 months and replacing alarms at least every 10 years.
- **Also be prepared with fire extinguishers.** Fire extinguishers help stop small fires from causing more damage and should be kept easily accessible on every level of the home, especially in the kitchen and garage. Ensure you know how to operate a fire extinguisher before needing to use one.
- **Know when to go.** Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, but the primary element is **safe escape**. Every household should also have a home fire escape plan.

  - ✓ Plan two escape routes from each room — one out a door, one out a window (in case the primary route is blocked).
  - ✓ Designate a meeting spot a safe distance from the house.
  - ✓ Post the evacuation plan on the refrigerator or a bulletin board as a reminder.
  - ✓ **Don't forget to PRACTICE!**

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Additional Info to share, or if anyone asks:

How do I recycle an old, empty, non-compliant fire extinguisher?

Safety First

- **Never** put a pressurized or partially full fire extinguisher into regular household trash or curbside recycling bins.
- Pressurized tanks can explode in garbage trucks and injure sanitation workers.

Step-by-Step Disposal Options

- **Check the Pressure Gauge:** See if the needle is in the green zone or zero.
- **Discharge if Needed:** If pressure remains, take the unit outdoors and squeeze the handle until it is completely empty. Spray the contents into a heavy-duty trash bag to catch any messy residue.
- **Safety First with Pressurized Containers**, it's not safe to dispose of full or partially full fire extinguishers or any other pressurized container in the recycling bin or even in the trash.
- **Contact Local Options:**
  - ✓ **Fire Department:** Call your local non-emergency fire department line to ask if they accept old units or direct you to safe drop-offs.
  - ✓ **Hazardous Waste Centers:** Take the canister to a county household hazardous waste facility. These local centers are equipped to safely handle pressurized containers and chemicals. You can search Earth911 to find a facility near you.
  - ✓ **Local Fire Protection Companies** often accept old units for proper recycling. They may be able to service or recharge your fire extinguisher, for a fee of course.