

Public Safety in the City of Santa Clarita is EVERYONE'S Business

October is Fire Safety and Smoke Alarm Awareness Month!

Did you know?

- The Michael Ewart Smoke Alarm Foundation will distribute free batteries and smoke alarms on October 25 at Make a Difference Day, and on November 1 at the Placerita Junior High School multipurpose fields.
- The top five days for home candle fires are: Halloween, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.
- Your family's chances of surviving a home fire DOUBLE when there are working smoke alarms in the home.
- When smoke alarms fail it is most often because of missing, disconnected or dead batteries.
- One in five smoke alarms are inoperable due to dead or missing batteries.
- The majority of home fires 40% start in the kitchen.
- Unattended cooking is the leading factor contributing to the start of home cooking fires. More than half of all cooking fire injuries occurred when people tried to fight the fire themselves.
- When using candles, make sure they are in secure candle holders. Never leave a room with unattended candles burning.
- Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, or gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory.
- It is important to create a home fire escape plan, and to practice it with your family.
- Always have working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home, test them monthly, and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries at all times.
- Change smoke alarms batteries twice a year-during the seasonal time changes in the fall and spring.

The Michael Ewart Smoke Alarm Foundation has a mission to ensure that every home in the Santa Clarita Valley has working smoke alarms. The organization's mission is promoting smoke alarm awareness, educating citizens on care and proper installation of smoke alarms, as well as providing batteries and smoke alarms for those who cannot afford them. For more information about the foundation go online at www.me-safe.org.

Information sources: National Fire Protection Administration & United States Fire Administration.



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