

# Does your home have working smoke alarms?



There were two fire fatalities in Walla Walla in 2019, both in homes without working smoke alarms.

**Working smoke alarms save lives.**

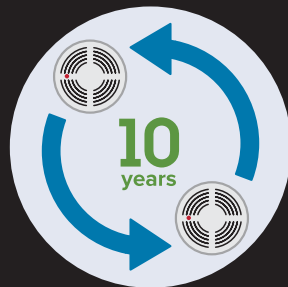
**60%** of structure fires in Walla Walla in 2019 took place in homes without smoke alarms or without working alarms (most often due to bad or missing batteries).

**83%** of fires in Walla Walla homes without smoke alarms were classified as “moderate” to “significant” damage to the structure.

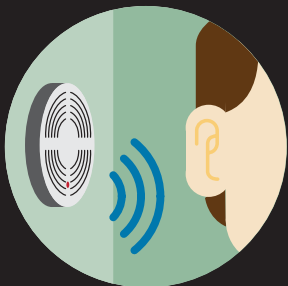
**75%** of fires in Walla Walla homes with smoke alarms were “out on arrival” or limited to “minor” damage to the structure.



Test all the smoke alarms in your home at least once a month by pushing the test button.



Replace smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or if they don't sound when tested.



Some people, especially children and older adults, may need help to wake up. Make sure someone will wake them if the smoke alarm sounds.



When a smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.

Call 911 from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. Stay outside until the Fire Department says it's safe to go back inside.

911



**Hear the beep where you sleep.**

Half of home fire deaths happen between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep.

Install a smoke alarm in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms.

It's best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one sounds, they all sound.



Mount smoke alarms on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet away from the stove.

For more information, call 509-524-4610 or visit [bit.ly/WWFDsmokealarms](http://bit.ly/WWFDsmokealarms).

**In an emergency, dial 911.**

