



## SMOKE DETECTOR PROGRAM

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**You must read and sign the waiver before receiving a detector.**

### DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

The Bellevue Fire Department is providing smoke detectors at no cost to residents of the City. In recognition of this, the City of Bellevue is not making any warranties as to the effectiveness of the equipment provided or installed. The only warranties applicable are those of the manufacturer.

I also understand that I am voluntarily participating in this service and that the service is not required by the City of Bellevue.

By signing this disclaimer, I agree that my spouse, heirs, and assigns will also be bound by the terms of this disclaimer.

In recognition of the facts, I agree to hold harmless, the City of Bellevue, its agents, officers, and Fire Department, for any negligence in providing or installing this smoke detector(s).

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### Smoke Detector Information

Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_

Model # \_\_\_\_\_

Serial #/Issue # \_\_\_\_\_

FD-105

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*"The Bellevue Fire Department exists to assist the public in the protection of life and property by minimizing the impact of fire, medical emergencies, and potential disasters or uncontrolled events that affect the community and environment."*



Roughly 70 percent of home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke detectors or with smoke detectors that are not functioning properly. Smoke detectors are the great success story of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, but they are only useful when they are working.

**How do I keep them working?**

- Check the battery in your smoke detector once a month.
- Replace the battery at least once a year. The Bellevue Fire Department recommends that you change the battery in your smoke alarm when you change your clocks each fall.
- Keep your smoke detectors clean. Dust and debris can interfere with how smoke alarms work. Regularly vacuum your detector to keep it working right.

**Who should have smoke alarms?**

Every home should have at least one smoke alarm. In the event of a fire, a smoke alarm can save lives. A properly installed and maintained smoke alarm will provide early warning to your family and give you time to escape.

**What's Chirping?**

The chirping noise lets you know that the battery in your smoke alarm needs to be replaced.

**Where do I install my smoke alarms?**

Smoke alarms should be in all of the following locations:

- In all sleeping rooms and guest rooms.
- Outside of all sleeping rooms and guest rooms.
- On every level, including basements but not including crawl spaces or attic.

**What if the alarm goes off while I am cooking?**

Then it is doing its job. Do not disable your smoke alarm. You may not remember to put the batteries back in the alarm when you are finished cooking. Instead, clear the air by waving a towel near the alarm, leaving the batteries in place. If this happens frequently, you may want to move the smoke alarm to a new location.

**Are there places Where smoke detectors should not be installed?**

Yes, do not put smoke alarms:

- Within 20 ft of a cooking appliance.
- Within 36 in. from:
  - o A door to a bathroom containing a shower or tub.
  - o The supply registers of a forced air heating or cooling system.
  - o The tip of the blade of a ceiling (paddle) fan.
- Where conditions, are outside the limits specified by the manufacturer.
- In spaces where temperatures can fall below 40°F or exceed 100°F (such as garages, attics or crawl spaces).

**When do I need to replace my smoke detectors?**

Smoke detectors should function properly for ten years, but after that time they should be replaced. After ten years your smoke alarm will have been working for over 87,000 continuous hours. You may want to write the purchase date with a marker on the back of your smoke alarm. That way you will know when it should be replaced.