



## Fort Belvoir Directorate of Emergency Services

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### Get Into a Life-Saving Habit!

#### **Fort Belvoir, VA—October 27, 2015—Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery!**

Changing smoke alarm batteries twice a year is one of the simplest, most effective ways to reduce tragic deaths and injuries from fire. In fact, working smoke alarms nearly cut in half the risk of dying in a home fire.

The men and women of the Fort Belvoir Fire & Emergency Services Division urge ALL residents to check home smoke alarms on a regular basis. This is part of a national initiative that urges all Americans to adopt a simple, lifesaving habit: changing smoke alarm batteries when changing clocks twice a year. You've got the power to save lives – change the battery!

Firefighters are actively conducting their annual "Keeping the Homefront Safe" community campaign for all Fort Belvoir residents to ensure all smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms are functioning properly. Fort Belvoir residents may schedule a home safety assessment by calling the Fire Marshal's Office at 703-805-2091.

The Fort Belvoir Fire & Emergency Services Division recommends that everyone follow these tips to help prevent fires, deaths, and injuries:

- \* Install and maintain smoke alarms.
- \* Maintain and properly use gas and electrical appliances.
- \* Never leave food cooking unattended; turn off the burner if you leave.
- \* Keep matches and lighters away from children.
- \* Never leave candles burning unattended.
- \* Develop and practice a fire escape plan.

Fire can spread rapidly through your home, leaving you as little as two minutes to escape safely. Your ability to get out depends on advanced warning from smoke alarms and advanced planning by preparing a home fire escape plan that everyone in your family is familiar with and has practiced.

Having working smoke alarms in your home can mean the difference between life and death. Smoke alarms are the most effective early warning devices available. Remember, when you change your clock, change your battery.

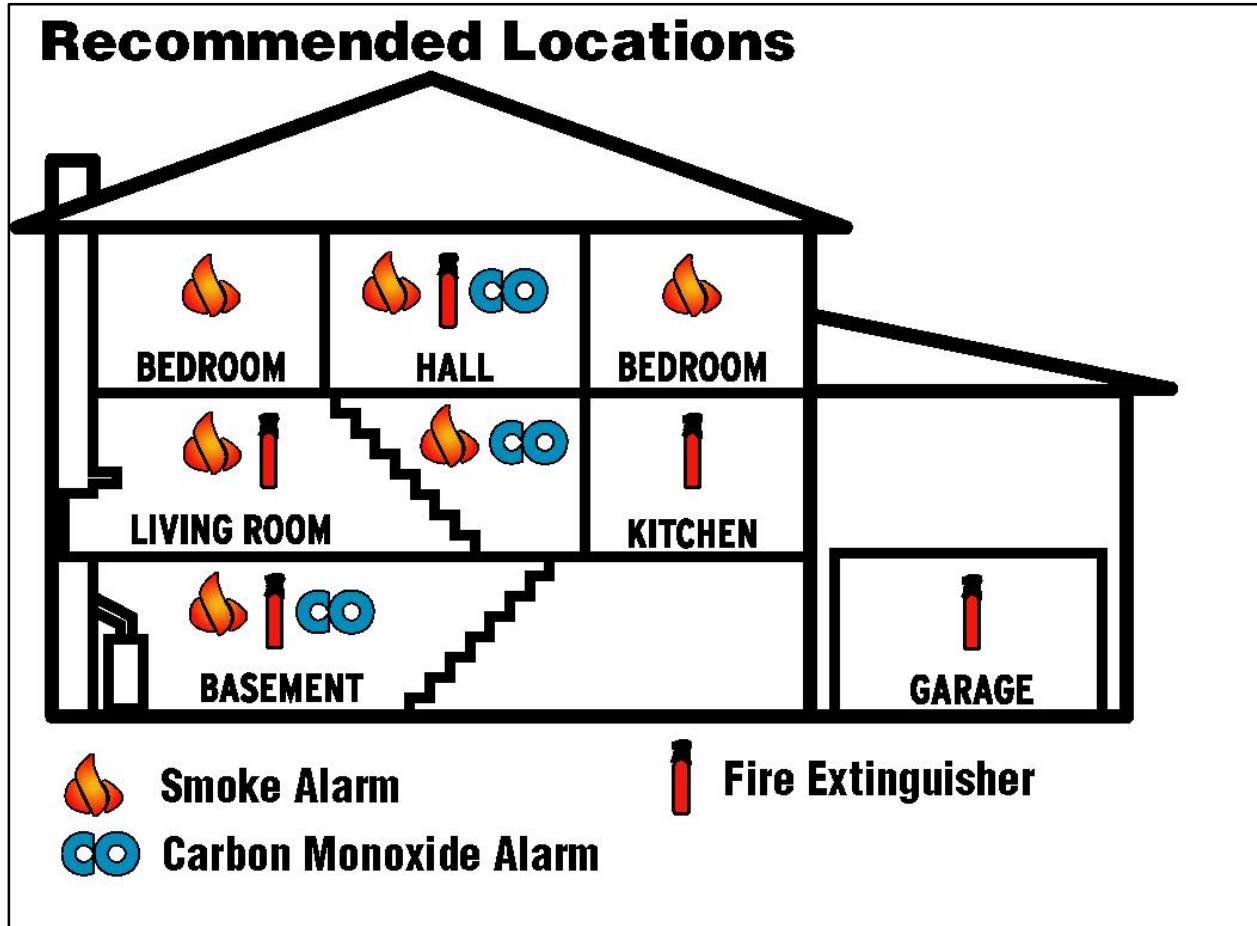
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