



Lombard Fire Department

Be Alarmed! - Smoke Alarm Installation Program

The Lombard Fire Department is working cooperatively, with the nonprofit Illinois Fire Safety Alliance and Office of the State Fire Marshal, to provide no-cost smoke alarms to at-risk homeowners of Lombard. The Be Alarmed! Smoke Alarm Installation Program provides smoke alarms and fire prevention materials in an effort to both educate residents on fire safety, as well as, to provide them with life-saving devices in their home.

The program was developed to educate residents on the dangers of fire, how to prevent fire from occurring in the home, and to ensure there are working smoke alarms properly installed in homes. By installing 10-year concealed battery smoke alarms, it ensures that the power source cannot be removed from the unit and if properly maintained will last the life of the device.

"Smoke alarms are the most effective early warning device there is," says Fire Chief Rick Sander, "by merely having a working smoke alarm in your home, it reduced your chance of dying in a reported fire in half."

Who will be installing the Smoke Alarms in the home? Fire Inspectors with the Lombard Fire Protection Bureau will be installing and/or replacing any non-working smoke detector in the home.

What type of smoke alarm will be installed? An ionization smoke alarm with 10-year concealed battery.

Where will the smoke alarms be installed? In every sleeping area, outside of sleeping area, and on every level of the home.

Will the resident be educated on the smoke alarm? Yes, the Fire Inspector will show how to test the alarm (should be tested monthly), provide the resident with the Smoke Alarm & Your Safety Trifold, and review the Home Fire Safety Checklist and Home Fire Escape Plan documents with the resident.

Is there a fee? No, this program is at no cost to the homeowner.

Can apartment complex managers and landlords request smoke alarms to be installed in their properties? No, as a business owner, you must supply and install your own smoke alarms for your tenants. The smoke alarms received from the Be Alarmed! Program are for at-risk homeowners only.

"Our goal is to make sure residents have the protection of a smoke alarm," says Fire Marshal Perry Johnson, "because smoke alarms alone won't prevent every fire death, our program includes educating residents on how to create a home fire escape plan so they know what to do if their smoke alarm sounds."

For more information about the Be Alarmed! Smoke Alarm Installation Program
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