



American Red Cross Minnesota Region



The American Red Cross and the Ramsey Fire Department are partnering to install free smoke alarms and share home fire safety information with local residents.

Firefighters will install the 10-year smoke alarms where needed and based on pre-scheduled appointments. To request a smoke alarm installation for yourself or a loved one, call (612) 460 - 3674 or visit getasmokealarm.org, or text "ALARM" to 844-811-0100.

In addition, firefighters will share vital home fire safety information, and teach residents what to do if a fire breaks out in their home. Appointments typically take 20-30 minutes.

Simple Steps to Save Lives

The Red Cross is asking everyone to take two simple steps that can save lives: check their existing smoke alarms and practice fire drills at home. There are several things families and individuals can do to increase their chances of surviving a fire:

- If someone doesn't have smoke alarms, install them. At a minimum, put one on every level of the home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas. Local building codes vary and there may be additional requirements where someone lives.
- If someone does have alarms, test them today. If they don't work, replace them.
- Make sure that everyone in the family knows how to get out of every room and how to get out of the home in less than two minutes.
- Practice that plan. What's the household's escape time?

National American Red Cross Home Fire Campaign

Seven times a day someone in this country dies in a home fire. Countless others suffer injuries. To combat these tragic statistics, the Red Cross has launched a nationwide campaign to reduce the number of deaths and injuries due to home fires by 25 percent over the next five years.

For more information about home fire safety, including safety checklists, printable fire escape plans and more, visit [redcross.org/mn/homefires](https://www.redcross.org/mn/homefires).

Download the [Red Cross First Aid App](https://www.redcross.org/apps) at [redcross.org/apps](https://www.redcross.org/apps) to get access to life-saving information on what to do for common, everyday first aid emergencies including burns.

By empowering local volunteers, the American Red Cross is able to fulfill its mission to prevent and alleviate suffering in the face of emergencies. Become a Red Cross volunteer in your community, visit [redcross.org/mn](https://www.redcross.org/mn).

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and counsels victims of disasters; provides nearly half of the nation's blood supply; teaches lifesaving skills; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a charitable organization — not a government agency — and depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its humanitarian mission. For more information, please visit [redcross.org/mn](https://www.redcross.org/mn). Like us on Facebook: American Red Cross Minnesota Region