

After a date and time is scheduled for your in home inspection:

A two person team will arrive at your house to conduct the inspection. This team will consist of either Fire Department personnel, American Red Cross personnel or a combination of both.

If your home already has smoke detectors, inspectors will check that they are working properly, they in the correct location and that they are not expired.

If any of your smoke detectors are not functioning, are expired or need to be relocated, the safety inspection team will replace up to 4 battery powered smoke detectors and one Carbon monoxide detector in the home. These detectors are sealed with a 10 year battery.



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P.O. Box 94
Barnstable, MA 02630

To schedule a home smoke detector evaluation please call the fire station at 508-362-3312 OR stop by at 3249 Main Street, Barnstable

Tel: 508-362-3312
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BARNSTABLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Home Smoke Detector Program

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HOME SMOKE DETECTOR PROGRAM

This is a partnered program between the American Red Cross and the Barnstable Fire Department, being offered to residents and tenants whose property is located in the Barnstable Fire District

The goal of this program is to make the homes within the district safer and to protect the lives of the residents and tenants.

This program is free and is funded primarily through grants and the partnership with the American Red Cross and their "Sound the Alarm" campaign. There is NO cost to the recipients of this program.

- According to the American Red Cross; Every day, **7 people die in home fires** and tragically, most victims die in homes that don't have working smoke alarms. The Red Cross wants to do everything they can to prevent these needless tragedies - that's why they launched the [Home Fire Campaign](#). Volunteer participants work alongside fire departments and other local groups, canvassing at-risk neighborhoods to install free smoke alarms, replace batteries in existing alarms, educate families about fire prevention and safety, and fundraise for this lifesaving mission.
- In just four years, these efforts have saved hundreds of lives and made hundreds of thousands of households safer.

Who qualifies for this program?

This program is offered to all residents and tenants within the Barnstable Fire District regardless of income or existing smoke detectors. If you live in one of the other fire districts within the Town of Barnstable or if you live in another town, please contact the appropriate fire department or Cape Cod Chapter of the American Red Cross at

This program is aimed as a life safety initiative for homes that do not have smoke detectors for a variety of reasons, for homes that have outdated smoke detectors, for homes that do not have an adequate number of smoke detectors. In addition this program will help identify a select list of other home hazards.

Once a property has used this program, they will be eligible for new smoke detectors in 10 years, but can schedule a home hazard inspection at any time.

Again this program is offered at no cost to the recipients

I AM SELLING MY HOUSE: CAN I HAVE YOU COME AND INSTALL SMOKE DETECTORS FOR THE SALE?

The smoke detectors installed through this program may not meet the requirements for transfer of sale inspections. Inspections for transfer of sale outlined in M.G.L c 148 s. 26F commonly referred to as a "26 F" & "26F 1/2 inspection can be scheduled through the fire prevention division of the Barnstable Fire Department.

Information about smoke detector/ carbon monoxide requirements for the sale of a property can be found at

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/preparing-your-home-for-a-smoke-and-co-alarm-inspection>

