

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER YOUR INSPECTION IS SCHEDULED?



A two-person team will arrive to conduct the inspection and may include Fire Department personnel, American Red Cross personnel, or both.



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



If smoke alarms are not functioning, are expired, or need relocation, the team will replace up to 4 battery-powered smoke alarms and one carbon monoxide alarm in the home. These alarms are sealed with a 10-year battery.



FREE
FOR ELIGIBLE
RESIDENTS

There is no cost to the recipients of this program.

SCHEDULE A HOME SMOKE ALARM EVALUATION



To schedule a home smoke alarm evaluation please call the fire station at

508-362-3312

or stop by at
1841 Phinney's Lane,
Barnstable.



www.barnstablefire.org



Tel: 508-362-3312

Fax: 508-362-8444



Barnstable Fire Department
1841 Phinney's Lane
P.O. Box 94
Barnstable, MA 02630



BARNSTABLE FIRE DEPARTMENT



HOME SMOKE ALARM PROGRAM

PROGRAM QUALIFICATIONS



SCHEDULING DETAILS



SAFETY INSPECTIONS

HOME SMOKE ALARM PROGRAM



This is a partnered program between the American Red Cross and the Barnstable Fire Department, 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 do not have working smoke alarms.
- The Red Cross launched the Home Fire Campaign. Volunteer participants work alongside fire departments and other local groups to canvass 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.



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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 alarms.

If you live in another fire district within the Town of Barnstable or in another town, please contact the appropriate fire department or the Cape Cod Chapter of the American Red Cross.



This program is a life safety initiative for homes that do not have smoke alarms for a variety of reasons, for homes that have outdated smoke alarms, and for homes that do not have an adequate number of smoke alarms. This program can also help identify a select list of other home hazards.



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

SELLING YOUR HOUSE? CAN WE INSTALL SMOKE ALARMS FOR THE SALE?



Smoke alarms 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, §26F, commonly referred to as a "26F" and "26F 1/2" inspection, can be scheduled through the Fire Prevention Division of the Barnstable Fire Department.



Information about smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm 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>



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