

# Smoke Alarms Save Lives and Homes

*A Sleeping Nose,*  
**DOES NOT** *Smell Smoke!*



**Directions to your home from a well known local Landmark**

for use in case of an emergency requiring Fire Service, Ambulance, etc.

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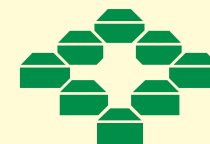
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*Muintir na Tíre*



**COMMUNITY ALERT**



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# FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME – SURVEY

## Smoke Alarms:

- Is there a minimum of one working smoke alarm at each landing & within ground floor hallway?
- Do you test smoke alarms weekly?
- Do you clean smoke alarms every six months?
- Are smoke alarms less than 10 years old?

## Fire prevention housekeeping issues:

- Are your chimneys cleaned annually?
- Do you know how to attend to a chip/frying pan fire?
- Is area around cooking appliances kept free of combustible items?
- Is the extract hood cleaned regularly?
- Are cooking appliances attended to at all times when in use?
- Is there a fire blanket in the kitchen?
- Is there a working fire extinguisher in the kitchen?
- Do you know how to operate a fire extinguisher?
- Do you overload your electrical sockets?
- Are there any faulty electrical appliances currently in your house?
- Do you check your electrical installations regularly and if in doubt contact an electrician?
- Do you avoid smoking in bed?

- Is your electric blanket switched off at night before getting into bed?
- Are the vents to electrical appliances kept free of obstructions?
- Is your heating boiler serviced on a regular basis?
- Is the area around your heating boiler kept free of storage?
- Are matches/lighters kept in a safe location away from young children?
- Are your children aware of the dangers associated with fire?

## Last thing at night:

- Do you check that the following are attended to?
- All unnecessary electrical appliances are switched off?
- All doors are closed?
- All portable heaters/gas appliances are switched off?
- All candles/incense burners put out?
- A spark guard is placed in front of open fires?
- All cigarettes are fully put out and ashtrays emptied safely?
- A key for each escape window and door is immediately available?

## Escape Plan:

- Do all occupants know what to do if they discover a fire?
- Do you have an alternative escape route arranged?
- Do the occupants of the house know how to evacuate from a 1st floor window?
- Do you have a pre-arranged external assembly point, known to all occupants?
- Following your escape, do you have a means of raising the alarm?
- Do all the occupants of the house know to call either '999' or '112' in the event of a fire?
- Is there a description of how to find your home?
- Is the house name/number clearly visible from the street/road?
- Do the occupants of the house know what to do if their clothes catch fire?
- Is there a working flashlight next to each bed?



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