

# UPDATED ILLINOIS SMOKE ALARM LAW

## - How to Support your Community -

### Be Alarmed!

A fire safety education and smoke alarm installation program administered cooperatively between the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance (IFSA) and the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM). The program distributes fire safety education materials and 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms to fire departments in the state of Illinois. Fire departments then deliver the education and install smoke alarms in at-risk homes within their communities. The educational materials and alarms are provided to fire departments at no-cost.



Learn more about the program and request your smoke alarms by visiting [www.IFSA.org/alarms](http://www.IFSA.org/alarms).

### Updated Public Education Messaging

At Daylight Saving Time, eliminate the use of “*Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries*” - there will be no more battery replacement! Begin using “*Change Your Clocks, Change Your Alarms*,” or “*Change Your Clocks, Check Your Alarms*.” The Illinois Fire Safety Alliance has recently created a Social Media Toolbox to help support your educational efforts, whether they be in a newsletter, social media, or elsewhere! Utilize these free resources and others at [www.IFSA.org/resources](http://www.IFSA.org/resources).



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**About the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance:** Since 1982, the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance (IFSA), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has been bringing together persons and groups with a common interest in fire safety, burn prevention, and public education, and to promote programs and disseminate information related to fire safety and burn prevention. The IFSA also hosts a variety of burn survivor support programs, including Camp “I Am Me,” a unique week-long camp for children who have experienced severe burn injuries.

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- Effective January 1, 2023 -

In 2017, the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance worked with the General Assembly to pass a law which will require Illinois residents to replace their old smoke alarms with the type that has a long-term, 10-year sealed battery beginning January 1, 2023. This would apply to residents that are still using alarms with removable batteries or alarms that are not hardwired.



## What is the Updated Illinois Smoke Alarm Law?

- Since 1988, all dwellings in Illinois have been required to have smoke alarms.
- In 2017, Public Act 100-0200 was passed to update the Illinois Smoke Detector Act to reflect advances in alarm technology.
- Come January 1, 2023, any new smoke alarm being installed withing a single or muti-family home are required to be featured with a 10-year sealed battery.
- Smoke alarms in single or multi-family homes prior to January 1, 2023 may remain in place until they exceed 10 years from their manufactured date, fails to respond to operability tests, or otherwise malfunctions.

## Exemptions

- Homes built after 1988 that already have hardwired smoke alarms.
- Homes with wireless integrated alarms that use low-power radio frequency communications, Wi-Fi, or other Wireless Local Area Networking capability.

To view the Illinois law in its entirety, visit [www.IFSA.org/smoke-alarm-law](http://www.IFSA.org/smoke-alarm-law)



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### — BENEFIT OF 10-YEAR SEALED BATTERIES —



**HASSLE-FREE**  
No more climbing up the  
ladder to change batteries.



**NO LATE-NIGHT  
LOW BATTERY  
CHIRPS**



**MORE SAVING**  
No more costly battery  
replacements for the life of  
the alarm.