

STANDING ROCK HOUSING AUTHORITY

1333 92nd Street
P.O. Box 769
Fort Yates, ND 58538-0769
Telephone (701) 854-3891



FRIENDLY REMINDER:

SRHA Tenants are required to maintain their fire alarms and fire extinguishers to ensure they work properly in the event of a fire.

Smoke Alarms

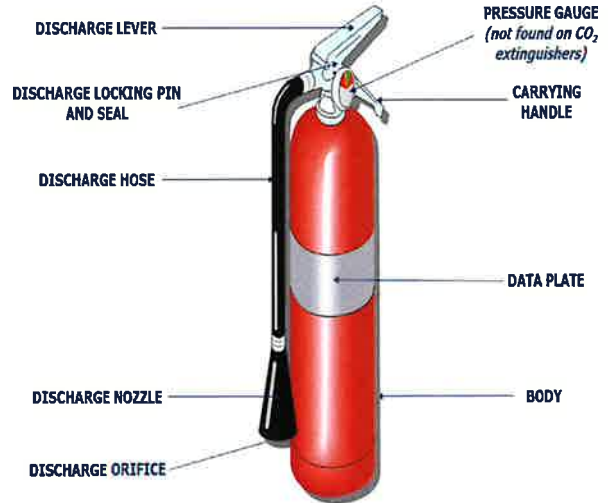
Smoke alarms are an essential safety device, crucial for early detection of smoke and fire. They alert tenants to potential dangers often before flames are visible, giving tenants time to evacuate safely. According to Fire Departments, homes equipped with functioning smoke alarms are significantly less likely to experience fire related deaths. Statistically, 60% of home fire deaths occur in homes without properly working smoke alarms. For smoke alarms to be effective they must be well maintained regularly. Conduct monthly alarm tests and replace batteries annually to ensure their functionality.

If your smoke alarm keeps beeping it may indicate a low battery, dust accumulation or other issues that may need attention. Here are some common causes of beeping:

- **Low Battery-** The most frequent reason a smoke alarm may beep. It will emit a chirping sound every 30 to 60 seconds to alert you that batteries need replaced.
- **Dust or Debris-** Dust accumulation can interfere with the sensors causing it to beep. Regular cleaning with compressed air or a soft brush can help prevent this issue.
- **Environmental Factors-** High humidity, steam or extreme temperatures within the home can trigger false alarms. If you have a smoke alarm outside your bathroom door, make sure you close the door after taking hot showers to prevent a triggered alarm.
- **Smoke Alarm Life Expectancy-** Smoke detectors need to be replaced every 10 years. If you have lived in a unit for 8 to 10 years and realized the smoke detectors have never been changed out. Call a SRHA work order analyst to schedule installation at **(701) 854-3891 ND** or **(605) 823-4745 SD**
- **Carbon Monoxide Detection-** If your smoke alarm is also a carbon monoxide detector, it may beep to indicate the presence of carbon monoxide. If this is the case, evacuate immediately and call emergency services.

Preventative Fire Safety Measures to keep you and your family safe:

- **Smoke Alarms- NEVER** remove your units smoke alarms unless you are cleaning or changing out the batteries to your smoke alarms.
- **Practice Safe Cooking-** Always stay in the kitchen while cooking and keep flammable materials away from heat sources. If a fire starts, turn off the heat, cover pan with a lid to smother the flames. **DO NOT** use water to put out a kitchen fire, it can cause the grease to splatter and spread the fire further. Loose clothing can catch fire if near open flames, take caution. Always use lids on pots and pans to avoid splashing. Regularly clean your stovetop and oven to avoid any grease fires.
- **Take Caution with Heating Equipment-** Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from anything flammable. A high-powered space heater may need more separation from flammable materials. Never leave space heaters unattended or while you are asleep. Take caution when you have young children and pets in your home and avoid placing in high traffic areas. Space heaters should be placed on the floor on a non-flammable surface. **DO NOT** put a space heater in the bathroom, water and electricity don't mix. **DO NOT** use an extension cord to plug in your space heater. Keep flammable liquids away from space heaters.
- **Flammable Materials-** Any hanging of blankets that serve as room dividers in basements should be removed. In the event of a fire, this causes a very dangerous situation. Keep basements and rooms clutter free.
- **Fire Exits-** Make sure windows and doors are not blocked.
- **Electrical Safety-** Check electrical cords for damage regularly, especially if you have pets they'll tend to chew on power cords. Avoid overloading any power outlets. Any electrical issues should be reported to SRHA Maintenance.
- **Educate Household Members-** Teach everyone in your home about fire safety. Including how to respond in case of a fire. Practice these fire safety tips with your household members.
- **Fire Insurance-** Your unit is insured through SRHA, but your belongings are not. It's highly recommended each tenant seeks fire insurance to cover their losses and damages in the event of a fire.



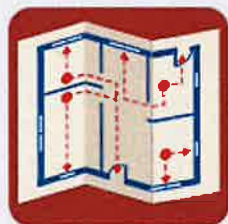


Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!™

How fast does fire move? Very fast. You could have less than 2 minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds.

7 steps to practicing your escape plan

1



Draw a map of your home. Include all doors and windows.

2



Find two ways out of every room.

3



Make sure doors and windows are not blocked.

4



Choose an outside meeting place in front of your home.

5



Push the test button to sound the smoke alarm.

6



Practice your drill with everyone in the home.

7



Get outside to your meeting place.

For more information about escape planning, visit:
www.usfa.fema.gov and www.nfpa.org.



STANDING ROCK
HOUSING AUTHORITY

