



# Just Like A Hero, Let A Smoke Detector Save Your Life!

Last year, more than 14,000 Ohio families found out first-hand the devastation that fire can cause, and it happened in the place they safest – their home. Smoke and fire killed 101 people - **half** of whom could have been **saved** had their homes been equipped with **working** smoke detectors.

Smoke is the leading cause of residential deaths. Smoke contains poisonous gases, which when inhaled cuts off the oxygen to your brain, preventing escape.

## What can you do to increase your odds of surviving a residential fire?

1. Have a **working** smoke detector on every level of your home and *inside* all occupied sleeping areas.
2. Test your smoke detector monthly - make the first Tuesday of the month **Test Day**.
3. Change the batteries in you smoke detectors **two** times a year.  
**(Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery)**
4. Clean (vacuum) your smoke detectors at least once a year.
5. Have a Home Fire Escape Plan and practice it - **tonight**.
6. Sleep with your bedroom door closed.
7. Replace your smoke detector if it is more than 10 years old.