



Village of Skokie

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Fire Prevention Week - October 9 to 15

Fire Prevention Week 2011 will emphasize safety at home. National statistics show that eight percent of all fire deaths occur in the home.

From October 9 to 15, 2011, fire and life safety educators from the Skokie Fire Department will focus on prevention and provide Skokie residents with simple ways to protect their families from fire.

Please remember that Illinois law requires all residences to have working smoke detectors installed within 15 feet of all sleeping areas. Properly installed and maintained, a smoke detector can give time to escape a fire without injury or death.

The Skokie Fire Department recommends checking a smoke detector's battery monthly. Replace detectors according to manufacturer's recommendations or a minimum every 10 years. Maintaining working smoke detectors can reduce the chance of fire injury by over 50%.

If you have any questions on smoke detectors or fire safety, contact the Skokie Fire Prevention Bureau at 847/982-5340 or visit www.skokie.org.

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Gold Level Clean Air Counts
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