

THE PORCELAIN PRESS

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Special Points of Interest

- The new ES&H website will be going live this month. The planned launch date is Oct. 20.
- The 'Accelerate to a Healthy Lifestyle' program has officially started. For more details, go to the ES&H page to sign up and start logging your exercise minutes.
- Nov. 10 is the Winter ES&H Fair. Watch for posters.

ES&H Concern or Suggestion?

- Talk to your SSO or submit ideas from the ES&H homepage, click on 'Concerns & Suggestions'.

Facts About Smoke Alarms and Fires

Smoke alarms can cut the risk of dying in a fire in half.



"Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!" is the NFPA's official theme for Fire Prevention Week, October 3-9. Here at Fermilab we're recognizing the entire month of October as Fire Prevention Month. Each year, nearly 3,000 people die in home fires in the U.S. From 2003-2006, roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths occurred in homes with no smoke alarms or non-working smoke alarms. The main cause of non-working smoke alarms in these cases was the batteries missing or disconnected.

Smoke detectors contain a very small amount of radioactive material that poses little threat; however, when a detector is broken open in an incinerator or a landfill, it can present a health hazard. For this reason, detector companies must accept returned radioactive detectors for disposal as hazardous waste. We encourage you to return the product back to the manufacturer.

For more information on fire safety, go to the Business Services Section website and click on the link for the 'Fire Department'.

Reminder: Smoke Alarms

- Smoke detectors for the hearing impaired can be purchased on-line.
- Nuisance alarms were the leading reason for disconnected alarms.
- More than half of the smoke alarms found in fires and two-thirds of those found in fire deaths were powered by battery only.
- Most homes still have smoke alarms powered only by battery.
- Hard-wired alarms operated 91% of the time while battery-powered alarms operated 75% of the time.
- Interconnected alarms are more likely to operate and alert occupants to a fire.

Safety Tips

Consider your home while reading the following tips. Are you being as safe as you can be?

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, on every level of the home, and your garage.
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.
- Interconnect all alarms so that when one sounds, they all sound.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.
- Practice your escape plan twice a year.



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