



BSO Weston Fire Rescue and Emergency Services **SMOKE ALARM INSTALLATION/BATTERY REPLACEMENT FOR ELDERLY OR DISABLED**

BSO Weston Fire Rescue and Emergency Services offers smoke alarm and battery replacement program for Weston residents.



This program is designed to reach resident seniors or the disabled who are unable to safely install smoke alarms and/or replace the batteries in existing alarms. This service is provided to Weston residents at no cost.

Program Goal:

Have a working smoke alarm in every senior's home

In addition, fire rescue personnel will also identify any risk factors present in the home and share appropriate fire and life safety education information at that time, which includes slip and fall prevention, water safety, hurricane preparedness, fire safety tips and others.

Weston is home to over 5,000 persons over the age of 65. According to statistics, those individuals are at the greatest fire risk in the US. Adults ages 65-74 are nearly twice as likely to die in a fire. Adults ages 75 - 84 are nearly four times as likely to die in a fire. Adults ages 85 and older are more than five times as likely to die in a fire.

Statistics for EVERY HOME, according to the National Fire Protection Association:

- Smoke alarms provide an early warning of a fire, giving people additional escape time. In 2009-2013, smoke alarms sounded in more than half (53%) of the home1 fires reported to U.S. fire departments.
- Three of every five home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms (38%) or no working smoke alarms (21%).
- In fires in which the smoke alarms were present but did not operate, almost half (46%) of the smoke alarms had missing or disconnected batteries.
- Dead batteries caused one-quarter (24%) of the smoke alarm failures.

Please contact BSO Weston Fire Station 81 at 954-389-2015 to schedule a smoke alarm installation and/or battery replacement.