Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Install Visual and Vibrating Smoke Alarms:
Use smoke alarms that have strobe lights and bed shakers, which vibrate to alert you of a fire. These alarms are specifically designed for those who can't rely on sound.

Create a Fire Safety Plan with Visual Cues:
Develop an emergency escape plan that includes visual signals, such as flashing lights or colored markers, to indicate exits. Make sure everyone in the household is familiar with the plan and practices it regularly.

Use Alert Systems for Emergency Communication:
Consider using alert systems that connect to your mobile device or smartwatch. These systems can send vibrating or visual notifications if there is a fire or other emergency.



For a SafeAwake Alarm contact the Office of the Fire Marshall (410) 396-5752

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Fire Safety

The Baltimore City Fire Department cares about your safety! Stay protected by following these crucial fire safety tips. A few simple steps can make all the difference in keeping your home and loved ones safe.



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Summer Fire Safety

Grill Safely:
Always set up your grill in an open area away from your home, deck railings, and overhanging branches. Keep a close eye on the grill when in use, and never leave it unattended. Make sure the grill is cool before cleaning or moving it, and dispose of charcoal ashes in a metal container away from any flammable materials.

Plug Your Air Conditioner Directly into the Wall:
Always plug your air conditioner directly into a wall outlet rather than using an extension cord or power strip. Air conditioners draw a significant amount of electricity, and plugging them into an extension cord or power strip can overload the circuit, leading to overheating, electrical fires, or even a power outage. Make sure the outlet is properly rated for the electrical load of your air conditioner to ensure safe operation.



General Fire Safety

Install Smoke Alarms:
Ensure smoke alarms are installed on every level of your home, especially inside bedrooms. Test them monthly and replace the batteries per manufacturer's recommendations.

Create an Escape Plan:
Develop and practice a fire escape plan with all household members. Ensure everyone knows two ways out of each room and has a designated meeting spot outside.

Keep Flammable Items Away:
Maintain a safe distance between flammable items (like curtains, bedding, and paper) and heat sources such as stoves, heaters, and candles.

Never Leave Cooking Unattended:
Stay in the kitchen while cooking, especially when using high heat. Turn off the stove if you need to step away, even for a short time.

Install Carbon Monoxide Detectors:
Place CO detectors near sleeping areas and on every level of your home. Test them regularly and replace the batteries as needed. CO is a colorless, odorless gas that can be deadly, so early detection is crucial.



Winter Fire Safety

Inspect and Maintain Heating Equipment:
Ensure that your furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or space heater is in good working condition before using it. Have them professionally inspected and cleaned annually to prevent malfunctions and reduce the risk of fire.

Use Space Heaters Safely:
Keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything flammable, such as curtains, bedding, or furniture. Never leave a space heater unattended, and always turn it off when leaving the room or going to sleep.

Ensure Electrical Safety:
Check light strings for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections, and throw out damaged sets. Avoid plugging too many lights into an outlet; overloaded circuits can overheat and cause an electrical fire.

