



**Senior Smoke Alarm Program**  
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## Senior Smoke Alarm Program Information

The Burn Institute Senior Smoke Alarm Program (SSA) works to improve the chances of a senior to safely escape a home fire by providing and installing working smoke alarms and identifying and evacuation plan.

### What do we do?

- Provide and install smoke alarms and CO detectors in senior homes for free
- Smoke alarms are installed in every bedroom and one on every level of the home plus a CO detector in a hallway or common area closest to all bedrooms in the home.
- Provide home fire safety tips, wild fire safety tips, home fire prevention, and burn prevention education.
- Give presentations to senior community centers and organizations.
- Host 1-day corporate installation events.
- Work in partnership with local fire departments and the American Red Cross

### Who do we serve? What is the cost?

- All seniors who live in San Diego county that meet the age requirement of being 62 and older as well as owning their own home.
- Services are provided free of charge to senior residents meeting the above requirements in San Diego county.

### Why refer to us?

- Seniors, ages 65 and older, are twice as likely to die in a home fire than any other segment of the population.
- For seniors older than age 75 the risk of perishing in a home fire nearly quadruples.
- Thousands of seniors in San Diego county reside in homes without a working smoke alarm nor do they have an emergency evacuation plan.
- Many seniors are physically incapable to install their own smoke alarms or lack financial resources to purchase them.

The program consists of the senior contacting the Burn Institute where their information is collected on an intake form. From there they are placed onto a waitlist. The wait can be up to 90 days. Once a route is scheduled and the volunteer installation team is confirmed, the resident is contacted to confirm their availability for a set date and window of time. They will receive a reminder phone call prior to their installation date as well. On the day of the installation volunteers will come into the home and assess and pre-existing smoke alarms in the home, replace and add any additional smoke alarms, and review fire safety and burn prevention education with the senior. If you would like to be put on the Senior Smoke Alarm Program waitlist, please contact the Burn Institute to sign up. The services are confidential and free.

**Please contact the Senior Smoke Alarm Program Coordinator at 858-541-2277 x 125 or by email at [smokealarm@burninstitute.org](mailto:smokealarm@burninstitute.org)**