

CHARLESTON

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Take Time to “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety” During Fire Prevention Week

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Charleston, SC (October 4, 2021): National Fire Prevention Week will be officially recognized between October 3-9th and the theme this year is “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety.” The campaign strives to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

“The Charleston Fire Department encourages all residents to embrace the 2021 Fire Prevention Week theme,” said Fire Chief Dan Curia. “Residents should take the time learn and understand the different sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. When an alarm makes a beeping or chirping sound, it’s time to take action,” said Chief Curia.



“Everyone in the home should understand how to respond to both the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Parents should take the time to demonstrate the sounds from each alarm, explain the differences to children, and incorporate an appropriate response into their home preparedness plan,” said Chief Fire Marshal Mike Julazadeh.

The Charleston Fire Department would like to share the following tips to help you “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety”

- A continuous set of three loud beeps— beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire. Get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.
- Make sure your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms meet the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
- City residents may request a free smoke alarm by visiting www.charleston-sc.gov/aSaferCharleston or calling 843-720-1981.

Because of various restrictions that are in place due to the pandemic, we have canceled our larger events. We will continue to provide virtual education options to reach as many students as possible. Additionally, members of the CFD will be “popping-up” around town to conduct small outreach events within our community.

Please visit www.charleston.sc.gov/aSaferCharleston to learn more about this year’s Fire Prevention Week Theme as well discovering virtual resources that are available to students and teachers.

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