

Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors sound at a frequency that may not wake or alert people who are hard of hearing or Deaf



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Do You Have An Alerting Device You Could Hear?

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Make your home fire and carbon monoxide safe today!

Alerting

Sound • Vibrate • Strobe

Safety Tips:

- **Install Fire/CO2 detectors for people with hearing loss.**

Most devices emit a 3100 HZ high tone signal not detectable by those with hearing loss.

- Utilize **portable alert systems in addition** to installed devices.
- Check your fire/CO2 detectors **monthly** to assure operating.
- **Sleep with bedroom door closed** to slow fire/CO2 spread.
- If you suspect fire, **feel the door before opening it.** If hot, exit the room another way. If not, then open the door, stay low to the floor, and get out fast.
- Meet at a **predetermined meeting place**; account for others. **Call 911.**
- **ACT FAST!** You may have but 2 minutes to exit unharmed.

- Per NFPA, a **bed shaker is the most effective alert** from sleep.

A **low tone** alerting device is the second most effective alert.

A **strobe light** alert may work during the day but not effective for sleep.

- **Use more than one type of alert to be fire and carbon monoxide safe.**

Bed shaker/Smart shaker Low tone Flashing



Lifetone

- Make sure your **alerting device is compatible with smoke alarm!**
- Some bed shakers can be **clipped to the pillow** so they don't get lost.
- When traveling, ask hotel if they have an alerting device **or bring your own.**

- Interconnected smoke/CO2 alarms are activated wherever the fire is.
- Get a system that sends **multiple Alert signals** around your home.



- Smart systems which combine fire/CO2 alerts and other security alert features are now available.

Web-based cameras and smart devices (i.e., watches, phones) can now be part of your alert system.

- **Notify your town fire/police in advance** of your hearing loss so first responders will know.
- **Save your local non-emergency 911 number in your phone** to allow responders to find you.
- The Fire dept. can evaluate the adequacy of your safety/alert system.

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