

Home Safety Program for Deaf and hard of hearing

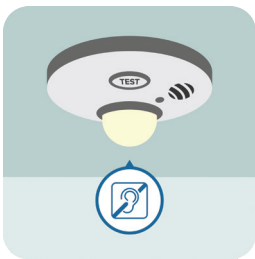
Working smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms save lives

Smoke and CO alarms emit a loud beeping sound to alert people when there is a danger. However, the beeping sound may not alert or wake everyone during an emergency.

If you are living with a hearing loss, you may require additional supports. There are specialized types of alarms and alerting devices that use different ways to alert people of an emergency in their home.

Specialized smoke and carbon monoxide alarms must be installed on the ceilings or walls, with the base unit placed on a table where it can be easily seen. When an alarm begins to sound, the beeping activates the base unit. The base unit will have a bright strobe light and often emits a sound at a different frequency.

Strobe light smoke alarms have a bright built-in light that will visually alert people by flashing when in alarm mode. These alarms should be installed on the ceiling in the same way as standard smoke alarms. The lights are very bright and flash in a repeated pattern.





Assistive alerting or signaling devices work with existing standard smoke alarms. These devices are typically placed on a table beside a bed or seating area and look like an alarm clock.

These alerting devices are activated by the beeping sound from a smoke alarm, which in turn activates a combination of alerts such as visual flashing strobe lights with message screens, sound alerts at lower frequencies, and attachments such as pillow or bed shakers that alert through vibrations when the alarms sound. These devices can also be connected to other signaling systems such as ringing phones, doorbells and doors opening.

Resources

If you're unable to hear the beeping alarm sound or worry it won't wake you up, you may need one of these devices. For more assistance in determining what type of device may be best suited for you, please refer to **DeafandHearAlberta.ca** or connect with the Calgary Fire Department Community Safety Team at **CommunitySafety@calgary.ca**

Need help?

Deaf or hard of hearing people requiring financial assistance may qualify under the Calgary Fire Department Home Safety Program for an assistive alerting/signaling device at no cost.* Please contact the Calgary Fire Department Community Safety Team at **CommunitySafety@calgary.ca** for more information.

*Supplies are limited