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Midland Fire Department Launches SAFE Home Program

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(MIDLAND, ON) – Do you have smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors in your home? Do they work? The Midland Fire Department wants to ensure all homes are properly protected which is why on May 15, 2018, they're launching the SAFE Home program.

Smoke Alarms For Every (SAFE) Home is a home survey program that will focus on fire and CO safety, in the spirit of education and prevention. Fire crews will be assigned to designated neighborhoods in Midland and helping residents ensure their families and homes are safe and protected.

“Having properly installed and working smoke and CO alarms, along with developing and practicing a home escape plan are the most important steps a person can take to protect their family,” said Midland Fire Chief Paul Ryan. “Smoke and CO alarms wear out and must be replaced approximately every 10 years, so we encourage residents to take advantage of this voluntary program to ensure their homes are properly protected.”

Quick facts:

- According to the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management, 35% of residential fires (excluding arson fires) where a fatality occurred, there was no smoke alarm warning.
- In 17% there were no smoke alarms, and in 18% the smoke alarms did not work.
- One working smoke alarm is required on every floor of a home.
- If your home can produce CO, a CO alarm must be outside of every sleeping area.

The SAFE Home program will run until October 31, 2018, however residents can request a home survey any time of the year by calling 705-526-4279 ext. 2239.



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