

FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety reminder

The Fire Service Division of the County of Lexington's Department of Public Safety asks us to remind you that every year about 3,000 people lose their lives in residential fires in the United States.

Already this year seven people have lost their lives in residential fires in Lexington County.

Your chance of surviving a fire increases by more than 50 percent if you have a working smoke alarm – as more fire victims die from inhaling smoke and toxic gases than they do from burns.

The Lexington County Fire Service offers a program through their Fire Prevention Office where they provide smoke detectors for residents that cannot afford them. They also check smoke detectors.

Please take a moment to check your smoke detector and make sure the batteries are good and that it works.

Then, go over a fire safety plan with your family.

If you have fire safety questions or do not have a working smoke alarm and cannot afford to buy one, call the Lexington County Fire Service at 785-8287 and ask for the First Prevention Office. Or, stop by your local fire station.