

Public Service Announcement

BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL & RESCUE DISTRICT

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KEEPING YOUR HOME SAFE WITH FIRE ALARMS

Why do I need fire detection?

The primary function of most basic fire alarm systems is warning you and your family of impending danger.

What should I do when my fire alarm goes off?

First, and foremost, stay calm and evacuate your home as quickly as possible.

If you have a monitored fire alarm system, your servicing company will alert the local fire department.

If you have an unmonitored fire alarm(s), you will need to call 9-1-1 from your safe meeting place outside of the home.

What if my fire alarm sounds, but I do not see smoke or fire?

It is very important that you let your local firefighters determine whether you, and your home are in danger.

Do not attempt to turn off your fire alarm! There are several types of fires that can be extremely hard to detect.

For instance, after a lightning storm, a fire in the attic can smolder and burn for hours before the homeowners would be able to see visible damage to the home. Electrical fires are another silent fire. They often hide deep within the walls and can cause substantial damage without smoke or fire ever being visible.

Why is this so important?

A fire doubles in size every 30 seconds. The sooner you have your local firefighters there, the better! This will ensure that your family and home are as safe as possible.

For more information, please contact Bonita Springs Control & Rescue District at 239-949-6227

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