AI Overview

The American Red Cross offers free smoke alarm installations and fire safety education through its Sound the Alarm initiative and Home Fire Campaign.

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The American Red Cross runs the **Sound the Alarm** initiative to reduce home fire deaths by installing free smoke alarms, educating families about fire safety, and helping households create escape plans American Red Cross +1 . This program targets high-risk, low-income, and senior households, and also provides specialized alarms for individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing American Red Cross +1 . Over 2.5 million smoke alarms have been installed in more than 1 million homes nationwide nvfc.org .

How to Get a Free Smoke Alarm

1. **Request an In-Home Installation:** You can schedule a free smoke alarm installation through your local Red Cross chapter. During the visit, trained volunteers or licensed professionals will install alarms and provide fire safety guidance American Red Cross +1 .
2. **Eligibility:** Priority is given to households that cannot afford smoke alarms or are physically unable to install them. Specialized bedside alarms are available for those with hearing impairments American Red Cross .
3. **Scheduling:** Fill out a request form online or contact your local Red Cross office. Appointments are typically scheduled within 14 business days, depending on availability American Red Cross .

Volunteer Opportunities

Individuals can **volunteer at Sound the Alarm events**, where they help canvass neighborhoods, install smoke alarms, and educate families about fire safety American Red Cross . Volunteers receive training and guidance to ensure proper installation and effective community outreach.

Educational Resources

The program also emphasizes **fire safety education**, including:

- Practicing a **two-minute fire escape drill**
- Creating a **home evacuation plan**
- Learning how to maintain and test smoke alarms regularly American Red Cross +1

Additional Notes

- The program is available nationwide, but specific services may vary by region. Some requests may be forwarded to partner organizations to ensure coverage American Red Cross .
- During the COVID-19 pandemic, some in-home visits were temporarily postponed, with education provided virtually until installations could safely resume American Red Cross .

  To participate, request a free smoke alarm, or find a volunteer event near you, visit **SoundTheAlarm.org** or your local Red Cross chapter's website American Red Cross +1 .

Just a FYI The American Red Cross Home Fire Campaign [OBJ]will install free smoke alarms in your home. The alarms are installed by volunteers. I just had several installed by John Ring and another gentleman. They arrived with the alarms and their own ladder. To apply call/text John Ring (local volunteer) at 516–650-0269
or email him at john.ring3@redcross.org[OBJ]. It is a nationwide program for anybody. You can also apply online on Red Cross website but for quick installation, contact John Ring.