



# City of Shelton

## Department of Public Safety

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### **Red Cross Smoke Detector & Safety Campaign in Shelton**

Working in conjunction with the Shelton Fire Department, The American Red Cross will install free smoke alarms in Shelton residences. During the home installations, Red Cross volunteers will provide fire safety instructions and escape plans. Information on protecting yourself and family from other disasters including weather events such as hurricanes will also be provided.

Every day seven people are killed and another 36 people suffer injuries as a result of home fires. Annually, the American Red Cross responds to nearly 64,000 disasters--the vast majority of which are home fires. For survivors who may have lost everything, a Red Cross volunteer is often among the first on the scene---offering emotional support, helping families find a place to stay and assisting with recovery.

Fire experts agree that people may have as little as two minutes to escape a burning home before it's too late. We urge that every household create a fire escape plan and practice it until everyone can escape in less than two minutes. Escape plans should include at least two ways to escape from every room. Select a meeting spot at a safe distance where family members can unite. Then discuss the plan with everyone in the household and practice at least twice a year.

Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a home fire in half and should be tested once a month. Change the batteries twice a year in conjunction with daylight savings time if your model requires. Place smoke alarms on every level of your home, including inside and outside of the bedrooms. Home fires represent a significant threat to our communities as most deaths occur in home that lack proper functioning smoke alarms.

**It's easy to schedule an appointment, just call 877-287-3327 for a free smoke alarm installation.**

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