

## **Smoke Alarm Installation Program**

Does your home have enough smoke alarms? A revision to the City of Madison General Ordinances will require a smoke alarm on each floor of the home, one in each bedroom, and one outside the bedroom door within six feet of the door.

How old are your smoke alarms? Smoke alarms lose some sensitivity and effectiveness as they age. If an alarm is more than ten years old, it must be replaced.

These ordinance changes were made to insure that our residents receive early and reliable warning if there is smoke or fire in their homes and apartments. An early warning provides people more time to safely escape from the deadly smoke and heat generated by a fire.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded the City of Madison Fire Department a Fire Prevention and Safety grant to assist homeowners who need new smoke alarms. The grant funds allow us to install new smoke alarms for qualifying residents at no cost to them.

The following individuals may qualify for free smoke alarms:

- Living in the City of Madison
- Single-family home or mobile home that you own
- Occupied by one of the following:
  - Adults over 65 years of age
  - Young children
  - A person with a disability
  - Low income family

If you qualify for this program, we will visit your home and install new smoke alarms in the locations required by ordinance. After that we will show you how the new alarms work, how to test them, and share some fire safety information with you.

If you would like more information regarding this program, please call the Community Education Office at (608) 266-4709.