

*The key to a working smoke detector is the **POWER** supply*

Many homes and apartments through-out Sheboygan do not have **working** smoke detectors.

Smoke detectors directly connected to your home electrical system have only been installed in newly constructed homes and apartments since 1992.

How is your smoke detector system powered? Probably by a 9volt battery.

Is the battery installed?

Have you tested the detector?

In the City of Sheboygan the Fire Department has seen too many non-working detectors.

Please help us change this trend.



First Alert 10 yr lithium detector. Sealed battery and silence button.

*Information for...  
Landlords and Apartment Managers*

Teach the following

- \* Show tenants where each detector is located, how it is powered and remind them of their responsibility to keep detectors functional.
- \* Have tenants sign a landlord/tenant agreement when they sign a lease.
- \* Inform your tenants that the Sheboygan Fire Department takes non-working smoke detectors seriously, it is a life safety violation and a monetary municipal citation can be written for those found tampering with a smoke detector.

*Recommendation:*

*In apartments and homes that do not have electrically powered smoke detector systems, installing sealed battery operated detectors such as a First Alert 10 yr lithium detector with the blue silence button is a great upgrade from older detectors that have removable batteries.*

The Sheboygan Fire Department



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*Home Fire Safety Tips  
For You  
the Citizens of  
Sheboygan*



## Causes of fires In the City of Sheboygan



### Smoking as a cause of fire

Cigarettes dumped in the trash.

The cigarette dropped in the couch.

### Alcohol and Smoking

Alcohol increases the urge to smoke.

Alcohol decrease your awareness.

Alcohol and smoking are dangerous combinations.

Please beware of how you discard your ashtray of used cigarettes. They may be smoldering and eventually start a flaming fire.

### Fire Death from Smoking

**Death** occurs more often from **smoking** related fires than any other.



Make SURE it's out



### Cooking... #1 cause of fire

Unattended cooking was by far the

leading cause of home cooking equipment fires in Sheboygan. Other human errors, such as falling asleep, inadequate control of open flame, failing to turn off the equipment, and placing combustibles too close to the heat source, also played a role in these fires.



### Children and Lighters

Sheboygan has seen numerous fires that start by children curious about lighters

and matches. Children mimic what they see. Talk to your children about the dangers of fire. **KEEP** all lighters and matches away from the curious young.



### Candle use increases...as do candle fires.

Place candles away from absolutely anything that could catch fire.

Burn them only when a responsible adult is overseeing the flame.

Put them out of the reach of drafts, curtains, children and pets.

Snuff them out before leaving the room or going to sleep.

### The Time line



A fire can double in size within minutes.

**Trying to put a fire out yourself is dangerous and steals valuable time.**

**Get out...Stay out...Call 911**