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### SMOKE ALARM ACTION DAY – SATURDAY 1 JUNE 2024

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Get ready to mark your calendars because Smoke Alarm Action Day is this Saturday 1 June 2024.

Smoke Alarm Action Day is an opportunity to promote fire safety and remind the community to check, test and maintain their smoke alarms.

We're asking all Western Australians to take charge of their safety at home by following these simple steps on Saturday 1 June:

- Test and clean their smoke alarms.
- Ensure smoke alarms are less than 10 years old.
- Replace batteries if needed.

We're also asking you to help spread the word about Smoke Alarm Action Day in your community and continuing to share these key messages from June to September:

1. **Early Warning, Big Impact:** Smoke alarms are your first line of defence in a fire, providing a reliable early warning to fire in your home. By having them in place, you significantly reduce your risk of injury or death from fire.
2. **Seconds Matter:** A fire can spread through a modern home in less than five minutes making early warning critical for a safe escape.
3. **Stay Ahead with Maintenance:** Maintaining your smoke alarms ensures they work when you need them most. Take a few minutes to test and clean them regularly – it could save your life.
4. **Stay Powered Up:** For smoke alarms with replaceable 9-volt batteries, change the battery every year. It's a small action that packs a big safety punch.
5. **Out with the Old:** All smoke alarms need replacing every 10 years from their date of manufacture, regardless of their type or model.
6. **Help your neighbour:** Encourage your family, friends, and neighbours to participate. If you have elderly neighbours, extend a helping hand by offering to check their smoke alarms.

Direct engagement remains the most effective way of motivating householders to take action to ensure their safety at home when it comes to fire preparedness.

Community engagement activities and resources are available Community Engagement Toolbox on the [Volunteer Hub](#) and [DFES Intranet](#).



For additional resources and information on smoke alarm safety, visit  
[www.dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/fire-in-the-home/smoke-alarms](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/fire-in-the-home/smoke-alarms).

You can get advice on community engagement activities and resources from the Community Preparedness Directorate at [Community.Preparedness@dfes.wa.gov.au](mailto:Community.Preparedness@dfes.wa.gov.au) or 9395 9816.

If you have a story to share about career or volunteer personnel supporting the Smoke Alarm Campaign, please email Media and Corporate Communications at [Media@dfes.wa.gov.au](mailto:Media@dfes.wa.gov.au).

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