



## SAFETY TIPS FROM THE GRR FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Remember to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms once a year unless you install longer-life batteries. That ensures they'll be at their freshest during the winter season when most home carbon monoxide poisonings and a greater number of home fires occur. The key is to be consistent each year even if you pick a different date.

Every home should be equipped with smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Here's a link to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) website for more information:

<https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Staying-safe/Safety-equipment/Smoke-alarms>.

GRR Fire recommends 4- or 5-pound dry chemical ABC fire extinguishers on each floor of a home, especially the kitchen, garage, workshops and vehicles. Inspect your extinguishers yearly: confirm that the pressure gauge is in the "green" then check the age or date of last service. Fire extinguishers should be refilled and re-charged every 6 years. Use the following NFPA link for more information: <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Staying-safe/Safety-equipment/Fire-extinguishers>.

The New Fire Station Project continues to move forward with interior finishing work including electrical, plumbing, and heating. **Please donate to the Fire Station Fundraiser if you have not already done so.** Donations to the GRRRFD are tax-deductible under Section 170(c)(1) of the IRS code. Please send donations to: Gallatin River Ranch Rural Fire District, PO Box 109, Manhattan, MT 59741.

Please visit the GRR Fire Department website to learn more: <http://www.grrrfd.org/>.