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As the 100 year anniversary of the Office of the State Fire Marshal approaches, it is the goal of the fire service to check for and install at least two working smoke detectors in 100% of the homes of Pre-K and elementary age students in the State of Iowa. Teams trained by the State Fire Marshal's Office will come to each home and install or replace your current smoke detectors with dual sensor smoke detectors. This "100 Years, 100 Percent" Smoke Detector Project is supported by donations and there is **NO COST** to participants.

Please help us make this possible by filling out this simple survey.

- Yes, I would like new or updated smoke detectors installed in the house or apartment in which my children and I reside.
- I want to keep my current smoke detectors but would like a free fire-safety inspection.
- Thank you, but I do not wish to participate.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Home Address)*

*(City)*

*(State)*

*(Zip Code)*

Primary Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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- You need to have at least one smoke detector on every level of your residence. Effective April 1, 2010 all new residential buildings need to be equipped with dual sensor smoke detectors. This also applies to existing smoke detectors that need to be replaced.
- Smoke detectors need to be replaced every 10 years! This also applies to smoke detectors that are hard-wired.
- Develop and practice a home fire escape plan with everyone in your residence.
- Keep combustible materials at least 3 feet away from ignition sources such as a stove, water heater, or fireplace.
- Install a carbon monoxide (CO) detector near the sleeping rooms in your residence. Follow the manufacturers recommendations for replacing CO detectors.
- Fire extinguishers in the home should be rated for Class ABC fires.
- Looking at building a new home? Install a residential fire sprinkler system. They are affordable, reliable, and provide the most effective home fire protection in conjunction with smoke detectors.
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