

Monthly Fire Safety Tip for Multi-Family Housing

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Issue: Fire Alarm Systems — Not Your Average Smoke Alarm!



Fire Alarm Bells

Chances are you're living with two different fire safety systems, individual smoke alarms and a fire alarm system and may not even know it! Now that I have your attention, you're probably wondering "How would I know and what's the difference?"

- ❑ **Smoke Alarms** are mounted on the ceiling or wall and are designed to alert occupants of the presence of smoke, especially during times when your family is asleep. When your smoke alarm detects smoke, it will automatically activate sounding an alarm inside your living space only, not the entire building.



Smoke Alarm

- ❑ **Fire Alarm Systems**, as opposed to smoke alarms, are made up of multiple components and are designed to notify all the occupants throughout an entire building. There are different types of fire alarm systems in multi-family housing, local and supervised. Local systems sound an alarm on-site only while supervised systems automatically call the fire department. Regardless of the type of system, always call to 911 in the event of a fire.

If you are not sure which type of system you have or how to operate it during an emergency, ask your manager for assistance.



Fire Alarm
Horn/Strobe



Fire Alarm
Pull Station

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