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CITY OF SPOKANE VALLEY MAYOR DESIGNATES WEEK OF OCTOBER 3 - 9, 2021 FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK FOCUS – LEARN THE SOUNDS OF FIRE SAFETY

City of Spokane Valley Mayor, Ben Wick, has proclaimed the week of October 3, 2021, as Fire Prevention Week. The proclamation was read at the September 28, City of Spokane Valley Council meeting.

City of Spokane Valley, Mayor Ben Wick said, “I urge Spokane Valley citizens to learn about the importance of in-home Fire Prevention practices such as working smoke and CO alarms. Take advantage of the opportunity to make the City of Spokane Valley safer and smarter this Fire Prevention Week, by understanding the sounds your alarms make.”

[Spokane Valley Fire Department \(SVFD\)](http://www.spokanevalleyfire.com) is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to promote this year’s Fire Prevention Week theme, “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety.” This year’s focus is on educating children and adults about smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms, their necessity, and how the sounds they make help save lives.

“What do the sounds mean? Is there a beep or a chirp coming out of your smoke or carbon monoxide alarm? Knowing the difference can save you, your home, and your family,” said Lorraine Carli, vice-president of outreach and advocacy at NFPA.

“Every day of every week, SVFD responds to a call regarding Smoke or Carbon Monoxide Alarms,” said SVFD Fire Marshal, Greg Rogers.

[Spokane Valley Fire Department \(SVFD\)](#) wants to share safety tips to help you “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety.”

- A continuous set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire. Get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.
- Make sure your smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

For more general information about Fire Prevention Week visit www.fpw.org or spokanevalleyfire.com