Utah Fire Sprinkler Coalition: Bringing Safety Home

Fires in the home pose one of the biggest threats to the people in your community. In 2013, a home structure fire was reported every 85 seconds in the U.S. These events accounted for 85 percent of all civilian fire deaths. Home fire sprinklers are a proven way to protect lives and property against these tragedies.

These life-saving systems respond quickly and effectively to the presence of a nearby fire. When sprinklers are present, they save lives.

- The risk of dying in home fires decreases by 80 percent when home fire sprinklers are present.
- People in homes with sprinklers are protected against significant property loss; sprinklers reduce average property loss by 50 to 66 percent per fire.

All national safety codes now require the use of home fire sprinklers in new one- and two-family homes. Utah does not follow the national model, and most homes built in Utah are sub-standard. These requirements offer the highest level of safety to protect the people of your community.

- Home sprinkler systems respond quickly to reduce the heat, flames, and smoke from a fire, giving families valuable time to get to safety.
- Up to 90 percent of the time, fires are contained by the operation of just one sprinkler.
- Each individual sprinkler is designed and calibrated to go off when it senses a significant heat change.
- Only the sprinkler closest to the fire will activate, spraying water directly on the fire.

Facts About Cost

The Fire Protection Research Foundation report, Home Fire Sprinkler Cost Assessment, reveals that the cost of installing home fire sprinklers averages $1.35 per square foot for new construction.

Learn the facts about home fire sprinklers, and counter the myths. For more information, visit firesprinklerinitiative.org/Utah.