

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; fire departments in the United States responded to 360,000 home fires in 2022 alone, according to the National Fire Protection Association, and those fires caused over 2,700 civilian deaths; and

WHEREAS; approximately three in every five home fire deaths occur in homes that lack working smoke alarms, and working smoke alarms can cut the risk of a home fire fatality in half; and

WHEREAS; households that have practiced a home fire escape plan, routinely test smoke alarms, and replace old or defective alarms are more prepared and more likely to survive in the event of a home fire; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsinites should ensure that all members of their household are familiar with the sounds of their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and understand how to respond and should make sure that emergency alarms meet the needs of all members of the household, including those with physical or sensory disabilities; and

WHEREAS; the theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!™" serves as a reminder of the lifesaving value of having working smoke alarms in the home; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin commends first responders across the state who are dedicated to reducing home fires, home fire injuries, and fire fatalities through prevention and protection education and encourages all Wisconsinites to take steps to improve their fire safety practices, especially in their homes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 6 – 12, 2024, as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.



By the Governor:

Sarah Godlewski
SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused the
Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin
to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in
the City of Madison this 17th day
of September 2024.

Tony Evers
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR