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## **Red Cross to Install Free Smoke Alarms in Homes that Need Them in Medford**

*On May 18, the Red Cross and community volunteers will  
install free smoke alarms in homes that need them in Medford*

**MEDFORD, Ore., May 15, 2019** — The local American Red Cross Cascades Region and community volunteers are partnering to save lives by installing smoke alarms in homes that need them in Medford. On Saturday, May 18, starting at 9 a.m., Red Cross volunteers will go door-to-door in Medford to install free smoke alarms and deliver fire safety information.

The Red Cross installs free smoke alarms in homes that need them and has installed more than 28,000 smoke alarms in Oregon and Southwest Washington since 2014. Seven lives have been saved in our area as a result of Red Cross installed smoke alarms.

People interested in volunteering to install free smoke alarms in Medford on Saturday, May 18, should contact Red Cross Disaster Preparedness Coordinator Christi MacLaren at (541) 779-3773.

**WHAT:** Red Cross Smoke Alarm Installation Event

**WHERE:** Medford Fire Station 4, 2208 Table Rock Rd., Medford, OR 97501

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 18, 2019, starting at 9 a.m.

**MEDIA AVAILABILITY:** Red Cross Disaster Preparedness Coordinator Christi MacLaren will be available for media interviews at 9 a.m. at Medford Fire Station 4.

**GET AN ALARM** The Red Cross advocates emergency preparedness and offers the installation of free smoke alarms in our community. Residents may call (541) 749-4144 or complete an online form at <http://www.redcross.org/GetAnAlarm> to schedule an appointment.

**MAKE A PLAN** You may only have two minutes to escape when a fire occurs, but most people mistakenly believe they have more than twice as long to get out. The Red Cross recommends that households develop a fire escape plan and practice it at least twice a year with everyone who lives in the home. People should know two ways to escape from every room and designate a safe place to meet outside the home in case of a fire. Discuss the plan with everyone in the household and practice until every member of your household – including children – can escape in less than two minutes

### **About the American Red Cross**

*The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit [redcross.org/Cascades](http://redcross.org/Cascades) or find us on Twitter at [@RedCrossCasc](https://twitter.com/RedCrossCasc).*

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