It takes about 3 minutes to go from this...
TO THIS!!!
The fire problem in the United States

- 81% of fire deaths occur in the home!

- Each year:
  - 365,500 home fires reported
  - 2,560 deaths
  - 13,275 injuries
  - $6.6 billion in property loss
The danger of smoke

• 8 out of 10 people die from breathing in the poisonous smoke... NOT from the flames of a fire.
• Home fires are more likely to occur when you are asleep between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.
• Smoke will put you into a deeper sleep!
What can you do to help protect yourself and your family?

• Everyone’s role
  – Prevent fires before they happen.
  – Take care while cooking and handling fire.
  – Properly extinguish candles and smoking material.
  – Never leave a source of fire unattended.
  – Have fire extinguishers charged and ready.
  – Use all electrical equipment properly.
  – But also remember to.....
Properly Maintain Smoke Alarms!
Make sure smoke alarms work.

- Test smoke alarms monthly.
- Replace the battery annually (most models).
- Replace all smoke alarms every ten years.

Refer to the owners manual for your Smoke Alarm for specific instructions.
Know what to do

• What do you do if your smoke alarm makes a loud noise?
Practice home escape plan
Pick a meeting place
Make a plan to wake up heavy sleepers
Alert people who are deaf or hard of hearing
For more information

- http://www.vafire.com/fire_safety_education/
- http://vdfp.virginia.gov/#loaded
- http://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/
- http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information
- http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/prev_ed/
Remember...
Thank you!

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