

FARMINGDALE, NY, October 14, 2013 /**24-7PressRelease**/ -- October is Fire Prevention Month, a good time to remind ourselves of the threat fires pose to our homes, businesses and families. It's also an opportunity for a 'check-up' to be sure we are properly equipped with the necessary safety equipment to help prevent property damage and save lives should a fire occur.

MaxiAids Products for Independent Living, the industry-leading supplier of products designed to support active, independent lifestyles for seniors, the visually impaired, hearing impaired and those with special needs, offers a full range of accessible smoke detectors for the deaf and hard of hearing, fire alarms and fire safety items to ensure that all individuals get alerted and stay safe in case of a fire.

While most household smoke alarms are battery-powered, there are AC-powered smoke detectors that plug into an electrical outlet or are hard-wired into a home's electrical system. For example, the AC-Powered Smoke Alarm (71001) and the Hard-Wired Smoke Detector (42*7109CS) both have a bright 177-candela strobe and loud 90dB signal to alert even the heaviest sleepers if smoke is detected. Perfect for the hearing and visually impaired, they meet ADA requirements.

The Kidde Smoke Alarm with Strobe Light (155678) has a loud 85dB alarm and bright 177 candela strobe, and can be interconnected with up to 24 other alarms as part of full-home alerting system. And systems such as the Kidde Combo Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Alarm with Strobe Light (1574187) add carbon monoxide protection.

Ideal for wheelchair users and those with mobility challenges, the Alarm Arm Smoke Alarm Installation System (552547) helps users safely, easily install a smoke detector from a standing or seated position - no ladder needed! The kit includes an 85dB smoke alarm (w/9v battery) and a 65-inch sectional pole that's used to screw the mounting plate into the ceiling, install the detector and (down the road) replace batteries.

Battery-powered smoke detectors should be tested regularly using the built-in test button. Even if the unit tests okay, changing old batteries out for fresh ones at least once a year is still advisable. MaxiAids carries a full range of alkaline batteries, including the 9-volt batteries used in most standard battery-operated smoke detectors.

The ultimate fire safety product for the hearing impaired and visually impaired, the Lifetone HL

Bedside Fire Alarm and Clock (600100) uses monitoring technology to actively listen for the sound of your smoke alarm. When it hears your smoke alarm (not included) it immediately initiates a loud 85dB Alarm Signal, a flashing Visual Signal of the word FIRE on the backlit display, and a Vibration from the included bed shaker. These 3 signals combine to provide reliable alert to wake even the deepest sleeper.

Another simple, effective and maintenance-free safety measure for work or home is a Fire Blanket (1650200). Made of a dense heat resistant material, this 62 in. x 80 in. gray blanket will provide personal protection in case of a fire. An optional Fire Blanket Bag (1650204) made of bright red tough vinyl material allows you to safely, conveniently store your Fire Blanket.

So, don't delay - replace the batteries in your smoke detector today! Visit MaxiAids.com to see the latest fire safety products for the disabled, or call 1-800-522-6294 and one of our customer care representatives will help you choose the right smoke detectors and fire safety equipment to fit your unique needs.

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