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According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), millions of homes in the U.S. have smoke detectors that do not work, usually due to dead or missing batteries. Fire is the second leading cause of unintentional death in the home, making this an important safety concern.



CPSC recommends consumers test each smoke alarm every month to ensure it is working properly. Even alarms with long-life batteries should undergo a short monthly testing. A home should have a smoke

detector on each level outside sleeping areas and inside bedrooms.

Proper installation of your smoke detectors and a quick check each month can mean the difference between safety and a tragedy. Don't delay to check your detectors and make a note on your calendar to check them again each month.



HAPPY PASSOVER

Passover is the 8-day observance commemorating the freedom and exodus of the Israelites (Jewish slaves) from Egypt during the reign of the Pharaoh Ramses II. A time of family gatherings and lavish meals called Seders, the story of Passover is retold through the reading of the Haggadah. With its special foods, songs, and customs, the Seder is the focal point of the Passover celebration. Passover begins on the 15th day of the Jewish month of Nissan. As the Jewish



day begins at sundown the night before, this year (2024) the first night of Passover is Saturday April 22nd and end on April 30th.

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April is National Kite Month

- In ancient China, it was believed that kites could ward off evil spirits. Today, the kite is regarded as a symbol of good luck.
- The first recorded attempt to use kites to obtain scientific data occurred in 1749 when two Scottish scientists, Alexander Wilson and Thomas Melville, fastened thermometers to kites in order to record the temperature of the air at high altitudes.



- In 1847, chief engineer T.G. Hulett used a kite to string the first steel cable over the Niagara River in order to continue construction of a suspension bridge over the gorge.
- In 1887, E. D. Archibald, an English meteorologist, took the first aerial photograph by attaching a camera to his kite.
- In 1898, a modified Hargraves Box Kite rose more than two miles over the Earth's surface to a height of 12,471 feet (3,801 meter) above Milton, Massachusetts. Today's kits are restricted by aviation rules to fly no more than 300 feet high or within three miles of an airport.
- Gugliemo Marconi, inventor of the wireless telegraph, used a hexagon kite in 1901 to lift an antenna four hundred
 - feet in order to receive the first radio signal ever transmitted across the ocean.
- During World War II, kites bearing pictures of enemy aircraft were used by the United States Navy for target practice. Huge box kites were also flown above American war ships to ward off attacking enemy aircraft. Long steel wires were suspended from each kite, causing damage to any approaching planes.
- The largest kite in the world is flown each year in Hoshubana, Japan, a small village near Tokyo. The kite measures 36 feet wide and 48 feet long and weighs nearly a ton. It can take 50 or more men to send the kite aloft.

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