

I would like to inform everyone of a combined effort to provide specialized smoke alarms for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. Nebraska is statistically ranked 3rd in the country for childhood mortality related to house fire. House fires claim the lives of more children in Nebraska than SIDS. I am collaborating with Lincoln Fire and Rescue and the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to issue free smoke alarms for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. Priority will be given to children. However, anyone who has a hearing loss severe enough to prevent them from awakening to a standard fire alarm is encouraged to apply by calling Colleen with Lincoln Fire and Rescue at (402) 441-8361 or the NE Commission for the Deaf and HOH at (402) 471-3593. Grant criteria requires applicants to reside inside Lincoln city limits. However, if you know of an individual who could benefit from specialized smoke alarms, please have them contact their local fire department for assistance.

Thank you,
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