



Dear Homeowner/Renter:

The home you have purchased or chosen to rent is equipped with the latest technology in fire and life safety protection. The installed fire sprinkler system and smoke detectors provide enhanced protection for you and your family, as well as your property, furnishings, and other belongings. When properly maintained, these devices have been shown to increase your chances of surviving a fire in your home by 97%. Most residential fires are caused by human actions such as careless use of smoking materials, unattended candles, children playing with matches and lighters, and unattended food cooking. Your home's fire safety equipment will also help to protect you from these types of accidental fires.

Not only can your fire safety equipment save your life and protect your property, it may even save you money! When purchasing homeowners' or renters' insurance, please make sure that you advise your insurance agent that your home is equipped with both a full "NFPA 13D" fire sprinkler system, as well as interconnected smoke detectors. Many insurance companies will provide you a 10 to 20% discount on your insurance premiums just for having these systems installed. Our studies have shown an average savings of 13% for other Wheeling residents who have similar fire safety systems.

While no fire safety system is completely 100% fool-proof, its maximum reliability is reached by properly maintaining your system. Please take some time to familiarize yourself with both your fire sprinkler system and smoke detectors. We have additional information on our web page to assist you in understanding and maintaining your fire safety systems:

<http://www.wheelingil.gov/Services/Fire/FirePrevention.asp>

Of course, the Wheeling Fire Department is also available to assist you in anyway we can. Our Fire Prevention Bureau may be reached Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, at (847) 459-2669. Thank you for helping to make the Village of Wheeling a safe place to live, work, and play! We hope you enjoy your new home!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Keith S. MacIsaac".

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Keith S. MacIsaac, Fire Chief