

FIRE & CARBON MONOXIDE ALERT DEVICE PROGRAM

Free Accessible Alerting Equipment for Eligible Delaware Residents with Hearing Loss

WHAT IS THIS PROGRAM?

A new statewide life-safety initiative administered through the partnership of the Delaware Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DODHH) and the Delaware State Fire Marshal's Office (DSFMO) under House Bill 53 (HB53).

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Eligible Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Late-Deafened, and DeafBlind Delaware residents who may not hear standard audible alarms.

PROGRAM PROCESS

- APPLICATION RECEIVED BY DODHH
- ELIGIBILITY REVIEWED BY DODHH
- EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDATION BY FIRE MARSHAL
- APPLICANT CONTACTED BY DODHH & BEDROOM EQUIPMENT SELECTED BY APPLICANT
- APPOINTMENT SCHEDULED BY DODHH
- INSTALLATION BY FIRE MARSHAL
- EQUIPMENT TESTING BY FIRE MARSHAL
- RESIDENT TRAINING BY FIRE MARSHAL
- DOCUMENTATION & SIGNATURES
- COPY OF SIGNED DOCUMENTATION EMAILED

ESTIMATED TIMELINE

- REFERRAL TO ASSESSMENT: **2–4 weeks**
- ASSESSMENT TO INSTALLATION: **2–6 weeks**

Timelines may vary based on capacity, housing access, interpreter availability, and equipment supply.

WHY IT MATTERS

Standard smoke and carbon monoxide alerts rely on sound, which may be ineffective for people with hearing loss—especially during sleep. This program provides visual and tactile alerting equipment at no cost to provide protection.

EQUIPMENT MAY INCLUDE

APPLY NOW

<https://statefiremarshal.delaware.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/110/2026/07/Fire-CO-Alert-Device-Program-Application-Form-072026.pdf>

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