



## Residential Inspection Resources

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The *Get Alarmed, TN!* program has been very successful in reducing residential fire fatalities, and a smoke alarm inspection/installation program should be part of every community's residential inspection program and focused fire prevention efforts. From 2011-2014, reported structure fires decreased by 20.6% and fire fatalities decreased by 25.7%. Here is the link to the *Get Alarmed, TN!* smoke alarm program: <https://www.tn.gov/commerce/fire/prevention-education-and-outreach/get-alarmed-tn.html> [1]

Link to Public Chapter 529: [https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/legal/legal\\_legislative\\_report\\_2016.pdf](https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/legal/legal_legislative_report_2016.pdf) [2]

Link to Department of Commerce and Insurance Residential Building Codes Enforcement: <https://www.tn.gov/commerce/fire/sections-programs/fire-electrical-residential-and-marina.html> [3]

Link to residential permit FAQs: <https://www.tn.gov/commerce/fire/residential-permits.html> [4]

Link to Department of Commerce and Insurance Codes Enforcement Section: <https://www.tn.gov/commerce/fire/codes-enforcement.html> [5]

Link to residential fire rate map: <http://arcg.is/2emxuGY> [6]

Fire Fatalities and Mortality Rate In Tennessee: <https://www.tn.gov/commerce/fire/prevention-education-and-outreach/fire-fatalities-and-mortality-rate-in-tn.html> [7]

Link to the Tennessee Fire Mortality Study: <http://www.tnfirechiefs.com/fire-fatalities-mortality-rate-in-tn> [8]

Link to Tennessee 2002-2010 Fire Mortality Study Map: <http://ctasgis02.psur.utk.edu/TNFireMortality/> [9]

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### Links:

[1] <https://www.tn.gov/commerce/fire/prevention-education-and-outreach/get-alarmed-tn.html>

[2] [https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/legal/legal\\_legislative\\_report\\_2016.pdf](https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/legal/legal_legislative_report_2016.pdf)

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