

The Senior Medicare Patrol is.....

LOOKING OUT FOR YOU

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SUBJECT: Be Safe from Fires and Scams

Hawaii's seniors are dying from home fires. To prevent such deaths, the American Red Cross of Hawaii is offering free smoke alarms for Hawaii seniors to put up in their homes.

- **TRUE:** Every day, around 7 people die in a home fire in the United States. Working smoke alarms can cut the risk of dying in a home fire by 50%.
- **TRUE:** Hawaii's Red Cross is offering free smoke alarms, free installation and free training to teach seniors how to test the alarms and help seniors create fire escape plans to get out of their home in 2 minutes or less.
- **TRUE:** If you are a senior living at home and would like to have free smoke alarms, **first** you must contact your local Red Cross office and give your name, phone number and address. Then the Red Cross will call you back to make an appointment. On Oahu call 739-8111. Kauai: 245-4919. Maui: 244-0051. Hawaii: 935-8305.
- **WARNING:** A dishonest person may pose as someone from the Red Cross or your county Fire Department and use this offer as a way to get personal information from you or get into your home to look for valuables to steal.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

- If you did not ask the Red Cross for free smoke alarms, and someone calls you and says they are from the Red Cross or the Fire Department, hang up. If someone shows up at your door, say you are not interested.
- Do not give out any personal information. The Red Cross needs your age but will **not** ask for your date of birth, Social Security number or Medicare number.
- If you get a suspicious phone call or visitor, report it to the Senior Medicare Patrol at (808) 586-7281 or 1-800-296-9422.



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