

Smoke Alarm Purchase Program For Erie Insurance Policyholders

A working smoke detector is an important part of your building's fire safety plan. Working smoke alarms in residential buildings can help prevent injury, and even death, in the event of a fire.

Erie Insurance's underwriting guidelines for smoke alarms adhere to the fire and life safety codes of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). ERIE's guidelines apply to properties insured under Ultrasure for Property Owners, Ultrasure for Landlords and Ultraflex policies.

Erie Insurance's underwriting guidelines require that smoke detectors be installed on each level of the living units. Smoke detectors must be either:

- **Continuously powered by the building's electrical system with a battery backup; or**
- **Tamper-resistant units powered by an extended-life lithium battery.**

Smoke detectors meeting these requirements are available at various retailers. Additionally, an Erie, Pa.-based company, Weber Electric, is providing Erie Insurance Policyholders an alternative means for purchasing smoke alarms at a reduced cost. The unit available from Weber Electric is BRK Electronics' BRK 4010YR smoke detector, which typically retails for \$32.95. Weber is offering this model at the reduced cost of \$18.72, plus shipping and applicable sales tax in some states.

According to BRK Electronics product information, the 4010YR smoke detector includes the following features:

- Ionization sensor*
- Sealed-in, 10-year lithium power cell
- Tamper-proof design
- Battery activation alert tab
- Silence feature
- Battery power indicator
- End-of-service-life alert
- 10-year limited warranty on alarm

To order your smoke detector(s) from Weber Electric:

- Call Weber toll-free at 1-800-336-8309
- Identify yourself as an ERIE Policyholder – you will be asked to provide your ERIE policy number
- Place the order using a credit card for payment
- Weber Electric will ship the order directly to you in about seven days.

Note: Always read and follow all directions and warnings included with smoke alarms.

*Residential smoke alarms may utilize either ionization or photoelectric sensors. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Fire Protection Handbook (17th ed.), tests have shown that ionization or photoelectric detectors should provide adequate warning to the occupants in most residential fires. As a class, ionization detectors respond slightly faster to open flaming fires than photoelectric detectors. Conversely, photoelectric detectors respond faster to smoldering fires. Since residential occupancies experience both flaming and smoldering fires, the NFPA states that an extra margin of safety might be achieved if the home is equipped with one detector of each type. BRK recommends the use of both types of smoke alarms (ionization and photoelectric).

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