

Letter to the Editor

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Dear Editor.

As a Home Inspector, I am routinely in a lot of different houses from Low down to Hull and Back. I am writing this letter to the Editor in response to last week's article regarding the Chelsea Fire on Blackburn Road. What scared me was the apparent fact that there was no working smoke detector. A smoke detector should be considered a vital part of any home. All too often while doing inspections I find houses without smoke detectors or disabled smoke detectors and it boggles my mind. The scariest part is that these homes often have young children who depend on their parents for their safety. The building code requires at least one working smoke detector on every floor of your house. These devices should be as integral to the house as the handle on the front door. Smoke detectors are relatively inexpensive and readily available at all local hardware stores. Yes, changing the battery is important, but moreover, if the detector is more than 6 - 8 years old, the complete unit needs to be replaced. By pushing the test button, you are simply testing the function of the battery and not the detector itself. Please, Please, Please take a few minutes out of your busy lives and make sure your home smoke detectors are new, properly installed and working. Thank You.

I welcome your questions please forward them to , Inspector Weeks ,c/o Peter Weeks Home Inspections pwhi.rhi@gmail.com or by phone at 613.290.3697.

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