

Community-based research on the effectiveness of the home smoke alarm in waking up children

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WILL YOUR SMOKE ALARM WAKE UP YOUR CHILD IN A FIRE EMERGENCY?



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WAKE THE KIDS

Dear Parent,

Working smoke alarms can save lives.

The question is: Will your smoke alarm wake up your child in a fire emergency? We are inviting you to become part of a national online research project to help answer this important safety question.

Victoria University's Wake the Kids project is researching if smoke alarms are effective in waking up children aged 5 to 15 years. The research involves setting off your smoke alarm one night while your child is asleep.

Taking part is easy - simply get the instructions online, set off your smoke alarm and record your answers on our website. Data collection is late March or early April, around the time daylight saving ends. This is also the time to change your alarm battery.

For details visit WWW.VU.EDU.AU/WAKETHEKIDS

