

# Deaf / Hard-of-Hearing Smoke Alarms

A bed shaker is a specialty alarm designed to alert deaf/hard-of-hearing individuals during a fire emergency. Together with working smoke alarms, as a part of a home fire drill plan, the bed shaker may save your life.

## How does a bed shaker work?



The bed shaker "listens" for a traditional smoke alarm.



The bed shaker then flashes a bright light, emits a low frequency tone, and announces the fire emergency in a loud voice.




The bed shaker unit also vibrates to shake sleeper(s) awake.



Are you a SC resident with hearing loss? You may be eligible to receive a bed shaker at no cost.

- Complete the application
- Obtain medical certification
- Submit the application to Fire Safe SC
- Allow the local fire department to install

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 [http://firesafe.sc.gov/deaf\\_hardofhearingalarms.html](http://firesafe.sc.gov/deaf_hardofhearingalarms.html)

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