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**State Fire Marshal's Office Recognizes Home Fire Sprinklers**

**Olympia** – The Washington State Fire Marshal's Office urges residents to consider installing fire sprinkler systems in their homes. Studies show that over 80% of fire deaths occur in the home and because of newer home construction methods and the wide use of synthetic materials used in furnishings, today's modern homes now burn faster and hotter.

A fire in your home can grow quickly and become deadly in two minutes or less. On the average it takes 8-10 minutes for firefighters to arrive once dispatched.

Home fire sprinkler systems respond quickly when a fire starts and begin spraying water on the fire while it's still small. A single fire sprinkler head activation can control or put out a fire with 1/10 of the water that would be used by fire department hoses, which is 10 times more than what a fire sprinkler system uses. This keeps heat, flames, toxic gases, and smoke from spreading rapidly throughout your home and gives your family the time to get outside safely.

Home fire sprinklers can be installed in new or existing homes and many systems are virtually maintenance free guarding your home from the dangers of fire. Simply put, residential fire sprinklers save lives. Protect what you value the most. If you are remodeling or building a new home, ask your contractor or builder to install home fire sprinklers.

For additional information, contact the State Fire Marshal's Office at (360) 596-3929.

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The State Fire Marshal's Office is a Bureau of the Washington State Patrol, providing fire and life safety services to the citizens of Washington State including inspections of state licensed facilities, plan review of school construction projects, licensing of fire sprinkler contractors and pyrotechnic operators, training Washington States firefighters, and collecting emergency response data.