



RGE Tech Tips from the Field – Client Edition

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1. Hearing a Voice vs. a Beep

- New smart smoke alarms (like the ones from Kidde) don't just beep; they use a recorded human voice to tell you exactly what is wrong (e.g., *"Fire in the Kitchen!"*).
- **Chip's Tip: Studies show that seniors and children react faster and stay calmer when they hear a voice instruction instead of a high-pitched siren.**

2. Nighttime Safety

- These alarms can also act as a soft "pathway light" when they detect motion at night, helping you get to the bathroom safely without fumbling for a switch.
- **Chip's Tip: This is a great "two-for-one" safety feature that prevents trips and falls in the dark.**

3. Phone Alerts for Peace of Mind

- These alarms connect to your Wi-Fi and will send an alert to your phone (and your family's phones) if they go off while you're out of the house.
- **Chip's Tip: This is perfect for when you're traveling to see family in Arizona—you'll know your home in Middletown is safe!**