

## **Fire Safety Alert**

Have you tested and/or replaced the batteries in your smoke alarms this year?

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- The average area burned per year in Hawaii has increased 400% over the past century.
  - According to a recent assessment by the Western Council of State
    Foresters, a greater percentage of Hawaii's land area is under high risk of wildfire than the 16 western-most US states.
    - People start nearly all wildfires in Hawaii.
- Non-native grasses and shrubs, that produce a significant amount of fine fuels and promote wildfires, cover nearly 25% of Hawaii's land area and continue to expand their coverage.
- Wildfires are more frequent in drier parts of Hawaii but with the abundance of human-caused ignitions, wildfires occur year-round.

JUST DO IT!

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