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Fire Detectors For The Home

Minnesota losses from home fires would be drastically reduced if each home installed at least one smoke detector outside each bedroom area and at the top of the basement stairs.

Minnesota Extension Safety Specialist Robert Aherin says more than 70 people die and more than 220 are severely injured each year in Minnesota from home fires. A combination of smoke and heat detectors throughout the house would probably give the best protection, but the cost may be prohibitive for widespread use. Buy only units that bear the Underwriter Laboratory (UL) label or seal of approval.

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Crisis Seen In U-S Wood Shortages

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Shortages in wood and wood fiber will develop soon in the United States and these shortages will grow to a crisis level. Minnesota forest products specialist Jim Bowyer says the crisis will result because we tend not to react to problems until they become serious.

The United States is not self sufficient in wood and wood fiber even though the country has vast areas of forests and has the know-how to grow more timber.

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