

## Fire sprinklers help avoid tragedies

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In the remaining hours of the summer sunlight on June 30, a fire broke out at a multi-story home in Seaside Park. The fire department arrived on the scene quickly, but the home's interior structure created a challenging environment for firefighters to control the fire as quickly as they would have liked.

Thankfully, no one was injured, but the devastation was done.

In many cases, properly installed and maintained fire sprinklers control and possibly even extinguish a fire before the fire department arrives on the scene. More importantly, the presence of fire sprinklers mitigates the risk to individuals affected by the blaze, including firefighters who battle the fire.

Fire sprinklers are the only proactive form of fire protection, providing firefighters the time they need to do their jobs effectively and as safely as possible, and helping to avoid potential tragedies.

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