

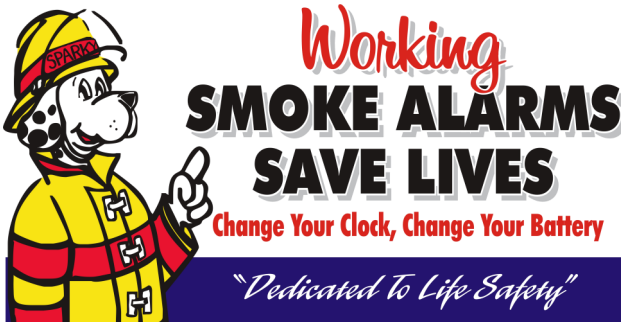


## Maintenance

Never “borrow” a smoke alarm battery. Test all your alarms monthly (or according to manufacturer’s recommendation) by pushing the “test button” and install new batteries at least twice a year. For example, when you change your clocks to daylight savings time in fall & spring. A “chirping” sound indicates that the battery is low. Unless manufacturer’s instructions say otherwise, vacuum your smoke alarms regularly without removing the cover, and never paint a smoke alarm!

If your smoke alarm is older than 10 years it should be replaced with a new one to insure it’s reliable.

Consider purchasing smoke alarms with a 10-year battery.



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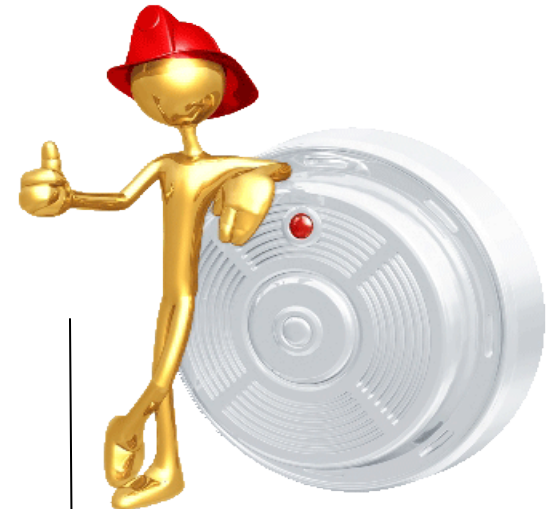
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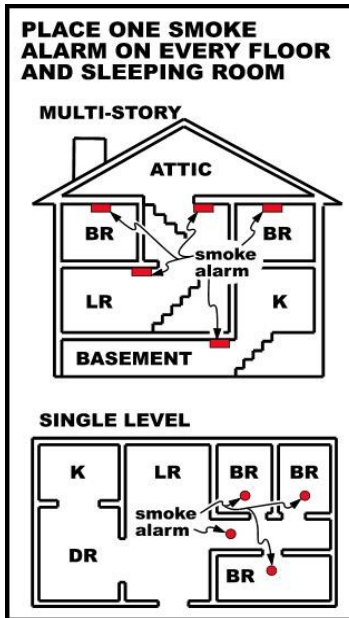
# SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

The majority of fatal home fires happen at night, and the smell of smoke won't always wake you up. In fact, smoke and poisonous gases can put you into a deeper sleep. Home smoke alarms can wake you in time to escape—cutting your chances of dying nearly in half. Smoke Alarms are inexpensive; they do save lives, and in most states, are required by law in private homes.

## Choose an Alarm

Be sure that the smoke alarm you buy carries the label of an independent testing lab.

Some home smoke alarms run on batteries, others on household current, and various models use differing fire-sensor technologies. But all approved (labeled) smoke alarms will protect you.



## How Many and Where?

Install a smoke alarm on every floor of your home, including the basement, and outside each sleeping area—inside as well if you sleep with the doors closed. Alarms should also be in or near dens, living rooms, family rooms, and other living areas.

Be sure everyone sleeping in your home can hear your smoke alarms, even with appliances on such as air conditioning. If someone in your home is hearing-impaired, you can install louder alarms or alarms that flash a bright light as well as sound an alarm.

## Where to Install

Smoke rises, so alarms are required to be mounted high on a wall or on the ceiling. Position wall-mounted alarms with the top of the alarm 4-12 inches from the ceiling. Position ceiling-mounted alarms at least 4 inches (10 centimeters) away from the nearest wall. In a room with a pitched ceiling, mount the alarm at or near the ceiling's highest point.

In stairways with no doors at the top or bottom, install alarms anywhere along the path that smoke would travel up the stairs. But always position smoke alarms at the bottom of closed stairways.



Dead air trapped near the door at the top of a stairway could prevent smoke from reaching an alarm located at the top.

Keep smoke alarms away from windows, doors or forced-air registers where drafts could interfere with its operation.

## False Alarms

Cooking vapors, steam, and other fumes sometimes set off "nuisance" alarms. Don't take the battery out of your alarm. Try relocating the alarm away from the source of the problem. Some alarms come with built-in "pause" button that lets you disable them safely for a few minutes. These models turn back on automatically.



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