

SMOKE ALARMS

MAINTENANCE TIPS

Smoke alarms can help save lives. When a fire occurs, smoke spreads quickly, silently, and without warning. Did you know that 60% of fire related deaths occur in homes without smoke alarms or in homes with smoke alarms that don't properly function? These deaths, typically caused by the inhalation of smoke and toxic fumes, can be prevented by properly installing and regularly testing approved smoke alarms.

TIPS TO MAINTAIN SMOKE ALARMS:

- Alarms that combine photoelectric and ionization technology are recommended, and carbon monoxide detectors are also recommended if your home has a natural gas stove or other gas source
- Clean and vacuum your smoke alarm regularly to prevent false alarms and assure proper functionality; change batteries as needed
- Strobe lights and pillow shaking accessories are available for individuals with hearing impairments
- Alarms should be placed on all levels of your home, both inside and outside of sleeping areas
- Interconnected alarms that all sound in unison when one alarm is triggered provide the best protection
- Smoke alarms should be tested monthly and replaced every 10 years

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