

Smoke Alarms

Can Save Your Life!

Intro:

Most home fire deaths happen between 10 o'clock at night and 6 in the morning. Many victims die because of smoke and toxic gases, not the fire itself. Smoke detectors can wake you and give you time to escape. When purchasing a smoke alarm, look for one that is accepted by an independent testing facility, such as Underwriters Laboratories or Factory Mutual.

Location:

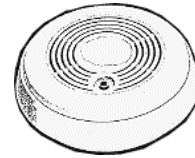
The best place for your smoke alarms:

- ❑ On every level of your home, including the basement and workshop
- ❑ Outside every bedroom
- ❑ On the ceiling or 6 to 12 inches below the ceiling on the wall. Keep them away from air vents.

Testing:

Test the alarm batteries once a month.

- ❑ Press the test button with your finger.
- ❑ Replace the batteries once a year.



Maintenance:

Clean the alarm following the manufacturer's instructions.

- ❑ Vacuum the grillwork on the detector periodically to keep it dust-free.

Preventing Nuisance Alarms:

Move the alarm away from the kitchen or bathroom.

- ❑ Get a different type of smoke alarm, like a photoelectric that's less sensitive to common causes of false alarms.
- ❑ Choose a smoke alarm that has a silencing feature, so nuisance alarms can be stopped quickly and easily.