Smoke Detectors

Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you an early warning so you can get outside quickly.

Safety Tips

Install smoke alarms inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.

Larger homes may need additional smoke alarms to provide enough protection.

An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For best protection, both types of alarms or combination ionization and photoelectric alarms are recommended.

Smoke alarms should be installed away from the kitchen to prevent false alarms. Generally, they should be at least 10 feet from a cooking appliance.

Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

All smoke alarms should be tested at least once a month using the test button. Vacuum your alarms also once a month.

Change batteries when you change your clock.

Roughly 2/3 of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms