

# SMOKE ALARMS



Knowing how smoke alarms work helps to protect your family! When there is a fire, working smoke alarms give you early warning to get out quickly.

## SMOKE ALARMS MIGHT HAVE:

**Test button** - allows you to easily check that the alarm and battery are working.

**Hush button** - allows you to quickly silence false alarms.

**10 year batteries** - come with the alarm, are not removable and last the lifetime of the alarm.

**Replaceable batteries** - need to be changed at least once a year.

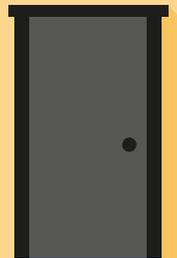
## MAKE SURE YOUR ALARMS ARE PROTECTING YOUR FAMILY

- Test alarms once a month. If the alarm does not sound after pressing the test button, immediately replace the alarm.
- Replace batteries at least once a year, unless your alarm has a 10 year battery.
- Clean your alarms at least once a year by vacuuming and wiping with a damp cloth.
- Always read the directions that come with your alarm, so you know how your alarm works.
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.



## DID YOU KNOW?

- If your alarm “chirps” this means the battery or alarm needs to be replaced.
- A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.
- 3 out of 5 fire deaths happen in homes with no working smoke alarms.
- 85% of fire deaths are due to home fires.
- Cooking is the #1 cause of home fires.



## INSTALL SMOKE ALARMS:

- Outside of every sleeping area and inside of each bedroom.
- On every level of your home including the basement.
- On the ceiling or high on a wall.
- To stop false alarms, check directions of where to put alarms by kitchens and bathrooms.

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