

# Smoke Alarms Save Lives

## Did You Know?

There are two different types of smoke alarms? Photoelectric and Ionization..

- Ionization Smoke Alarms - Generally are more effective at detecting flaming fires, which consume combustibles quickly and spread rapidly. Sources of these fires include paper burning in a wastebasket, or grease fires on a stove.
- Photoelectric Smoke Alarms - Generally are more effective at detecting smoldering fires, which smolder for hours before bursting into flame. Sources of the fires include cigarette smoldering in couches or bedding.

For maximum protection, install both types of smoke alarms on every level of the home.

## HELPFUL INSTALLATION TIPS!

Avoid installing smoke alarms near fans or air vents that could blow smoke away from the alarm.

Smoke alarms should be installed at least 10 feet from damp, humid, or steamy areas (i.e. saunas, showers, etc.).

Smoke alarms should be placed at least 20 feet from sources of combustion particles (i.e. stoves, furnaces, water heaters, etc.).

Always follow the manufacturer's instructions and recommendations for installation.

## KNOW WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR SMOKE ALARM SOUNDS!

Know two ways out of every room in your home.

Identify a meeting place outside of your home that is located a safe distance away.

Get everyone out of the home quickly, do not take time to gather personal belongings.

Once outside call 9-1-1 and wait at your meeting place for help to arrive, never go back into a fire.

# SMOKE ALARMS

Protect Your Family & Home



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# Remember... Home Fire Safety Starts with You!



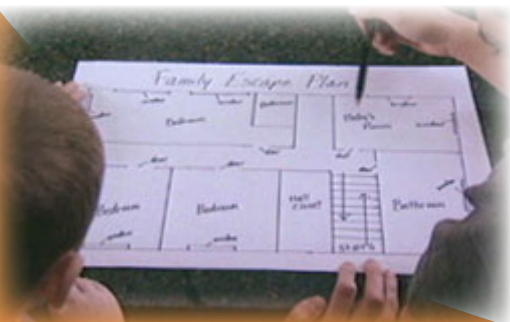
## Follow these steps to help keep your family safe



Install a smoke alarm on every level of the home and inside each sleeping area.

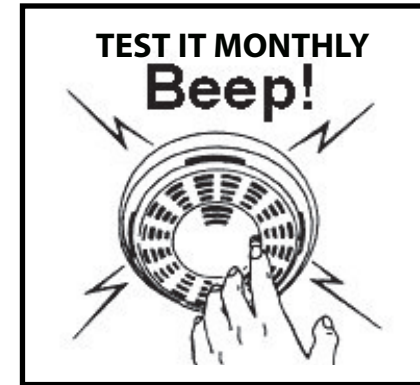
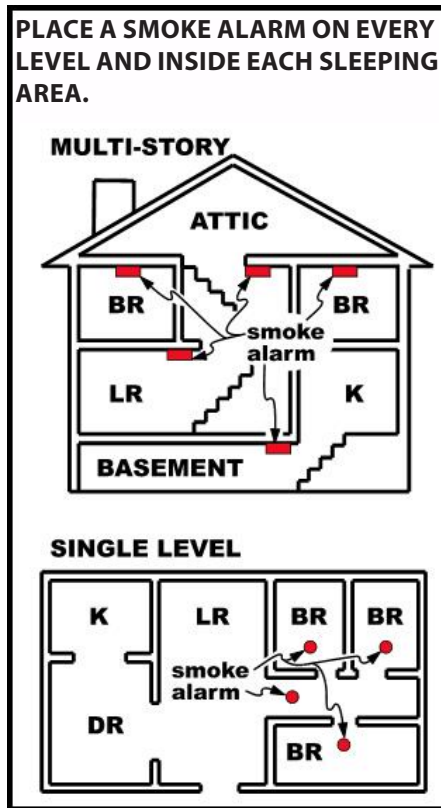


Test your smoke alarms every month to be sure they are working.



Have and practice a home fire escape plan with your family

Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of the home (including the basement), outside each sleeping area, and inside each bedroom. Larger homes may need additional smoke alarms. Never remove or disable smoke alarms.



Test smoke alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button. If an alarm "chirps" it is telling you that the battery is low, replace the battery right away. All smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10-year batteries and those that are hard-wired alarms, should be replaced when they're 10 years old or sooner if they do not respond properly when tested.

Never remove or disable a smoke alarm.