



# Smoke Alarms

A working smoke alarm is your first line of defence if there is a fire in your home.

## SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

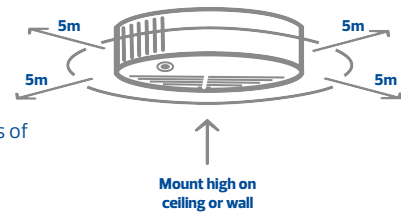
### If the alarm sounds...

- + Get out and stay out.
- + Never go back inside for people or pets.
- + If you have to escape through smoke, get low and crawl under the smoke toward your exit.
- + Call 911 from outside your home.

### Maintain your smoke alarms.

- + Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when installing smoke alarms.

- + Install smoke alarms within 5 metres of each bedroom.
- + Test alarms each month by pressing and holding the test button.
- + Replace all alarms (both electrical and battery-operated) every 10 years.
- + Replace alarm batteries when you change your clocks for Daylight Savings Time.
- + Vacuum out the alarm every 6 months.



## Fire Facts

- + 70% of people who die in home fires either don't have smoke alarms or their smoke alarms aren't working.
- + According to the National Fire Protection Association, a properly installed, fully-functioning smoke alarm cuts the risk of dying in a fire by 50%.
- + Fire fatalities occur as a result of breathing in smoke and toxic gases, not from the fire itself. That's why the early detection provided by smoke alarms is vital for survival.

### Remember, smoke rises.

- + When installing smoke alarms, place them on the ceiling or high up on a wall according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- + Consider adding interconnected smoke alarms. This way, if one smoke alarm goes off, they all do, helping to keep everyone safe.

### Make sure everyone can hear the smoke alarms.

- + Smoke alarms and alert devices/ accessories are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as for those who are heavy sleepers.
- + Strobe lights or pillow/bed shakers are also available.

## FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

Do you...

- Have working smoke alarms on all levels of your home?
- Have Carbon Monoxide alarms outside all sleeping areas?
- Dust the outside of your alarms periodically?
- Have a home fire escape plan and periodically practice it?
- Have house numbers clearly visible from the street?



**PLAN AND PRACTICE**  
YOUR HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN.  
ALWAYS KNOW TWO WAYS OUT  
OF EACH ROOM.