Smoke Alarms

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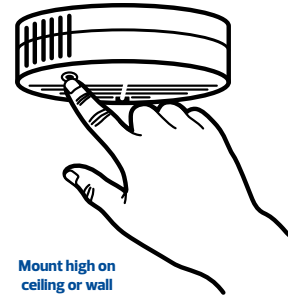
SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

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 outside every sleeping area.

+ 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 at least once a year.

+ Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning and maintenance.

Mount high on ceiling or wall

Fire Facts

+ According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), a properly installed, fully-functioning smoke alarm cuts the risk of dying in a fire by 60%.

+ More than one third (38%) of home fire deaths result from fires in which no smoke alarms are present (NFPA).

+ 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, giving more time to escape.

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.