

SMOKE ALARMS



Smoke alarms save lives, but only if they are properly installed and in good working order. Install at least one alarm on each level of your home. Install an alarm outside bedrooms. If bedroom doors are kept, consider installing an alarm inside bedroom as well.

Install smoke alarm towards center of ceiling at least 4" from wall or corner. Alarms can be installed high on wall 4"-12" from ceiling. Read and follow the recommendations in your Owner's Manual.

- Do *not* install near fuel-burning devices, such as furnace or fireplace.
- Do *not* install near kitchens, bathrooms or laundry rooms.
- Do *not* install in corners where smoke may not reach.
- Do *not* install in dusty, dirty or greasy areas.
- Do *not* remove batteries from alarm.

Press test button to make sure alarm is still working. If alarm does not sound, *replace it*. If alarm is dusty, dirty, painted or damaged, *replace it*. Alarms have a manufacture date on the back. If alarm is over 10 years old, *replace it*. If there is no date, *replace it*. Old alarms may sound when tested, but sensors inside them work less well over time. This is true for both hard-wired and battery-operated alarms.



Fire Safety Tips

- Keep matches, fireworks and lighters away from children.
- Keep electrical appliances in good condition and don't overload circuits.
- Keep stoves, grills, fireplaces and chimneys grease and debris-free.
- Keep portable heaters and open flames, like candles, away from flammable materials.
- Do *not* leave cooking on the stove unattended, especially if using oil or grease.
- Do *not* let rubbish accumulate in or around home. It may burn or block escape routes.
- Do *not* smoke in bed. Extinguish cigarettes, candles, etc., before you get too sleepy.
- Have an escape plan. Talk to your local fire department for more ideas.

In Case of Fire

- Stay calm. Follow your escape plan. Get everyone out of the house as quickly as possible.
- Feel door with your hand before opening. If a door is cool, open slowly. Do not open a hot door.
- Keep doors and windows closed, unless you must escape through them.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a damp cloth. Take short, shallow breaths.
- Once outside, make sure everyone got out. Do *not* go back into burning building.
- Dial 911. Give your address first, then your name. Stay on the line until help arrives.