

HERE'S WHY EARLY WARNINGS BY HOME SMOKE DETECTORS ARE SO IMPORTANT!



1. YOU CAN'T SMELL SMOKE WHEN YOU ARE SLEEPING.

The toxic gases in smoke from home fires could even make you sleep more soundly.



2. NOT FLAMES, BUT SMOKE AND GAS ARE THE REAL KILLERS.

Smoke and hot invisible poisonous gases reach fire victims long before the flames do, often with fatal results.



3. MOST PEOPLE DIE IN THE FIRST FEW MINUTES OF A HOME FIRE.

Without adequate warning, they succumb to the toxic fumes long before the home is fully on fire.



4. FIRES SPREAD AT A FANTASTIC RATE!

An average home fire can triple in size in just about a minute and in less than 10 minutes grow to more than 50 times that size.



5. SMOKE DETECTORS IN GOOD WORKING CONDITION, INCREASE YOUR CHANCES BY 50%.

The key to survival is to have adequate warning and get out fast!

PLEASE NOTE:

SMOKE DETECTORS MUST BE IN PROPER WORKING ORDER TO PROTECT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

Test your detectors on a frequent and regular basis to make sure they will sound a proper alarm. If necessary, replace batteries when they become weak and never "borrow" them for another purpose.

IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO KEEP A WRITTEN LOG OF YOUR TESTING SCHEDULE.

A good way is to mark off future dates, once each month on your calendar. Then, note that the alarms were in good working order, or batteries needed replacement, or the units were cleaned. This will keep proper maintenance current in your living routine.

SAFEGUARD AGAINST HAZARDS SUCH AS MATCHES AND LIGHTERS.

Adequate warning is important in case of fire, but a few precautions can lessen the danger even more! Keep matches and lighters away from children. Check electrical wiring and outlets. Don't store flammable materials near heat sources and be careful with lit cigarettes!

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, ASK YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Your local fire department is always available to help you with fire safety advice and information. A simple phone call regarding installation and maintenance of fire safety equipment such as alarms and extinguishers will further insure your protection against the dangers of home fires.

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A LIFE SAVING PLAN!

Most fatal home fires occur at night while the victims are sleeping. They usually succumb to invisible gases and smoke which can actually drug them into sleeping more soundly! Inexpensive home smoke detectors will sense this danger and sound a life saving alarm!

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WHAT KIND SHOULD YOU CHOOSE?

Various types of detectors are on the market. Some with "ionization" sensors; others with "photoelectric" detection. Some run on household current, others are battery operated. All offer adequate protection. But be sure the ones you buy are approved by a recognized testing laboratory... and are installed according to manufacturers instructions.

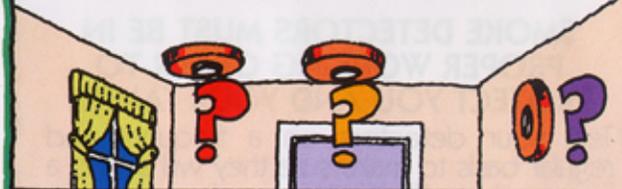


HOW MANY?

All homes should have a detector outside the bedrooms and on every level including basement and utility rooms. Be certain that all family members can hear the alarms. If anyone is hearing impaired or sleeps with the bedroom door closed, additional alarms should be placed inside the sleeping areas where they can be heard.

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WHAT ABOUT PLACEMENT?



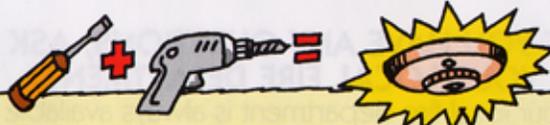
You should know that smoke rises and travels across the ceiling and upper levels of the room first. Ceiling mounted units should be placed at least 4" away from the walls and wall mounted units should be located 6" to 12" from the ceiling because circulating smoke tends to avoid the space where walls and ceilings meet.

A NOTE ABOUT STAIRS

If you have stairway with a closed door at the top, like a basement, still dead air can act as a barrier to smoke and deflect it away. A detector would be useless near the door. Instead, locate your alarm above the bottom of the stair as shown above.



INSTALLATION



Usually, nothing more than a drill and a screwdriver is needed to mount a battery powered or simple plug-in alarm unit. Plug-in detectors must be installed with connecting devices to prevent the wire from being un-plugged accidentally. Detectors that are hard wired into the building's electrical system should be installed by a qualified electrician.



MORE TIPS!

- TEST OFTEN**
A detector that won't work is like no detector at all.
- BATTERIES**
Batteries must be fresh and highly charged to give a loud alarm.
- FALSE ALARMS**
Cooking or steam can set off alarms. Mount them away from kitchens and furnaces.
- KNOW THE SOUND**
Be familiar with your alarms' sound so there will be no mistake if they go off.
- KEEP IT CLEAN!**
Dust can set your alarm off. A light periodic vacuuming will keep it clean.
- PLAN YOUR ESCAPES**
If your alarm alerts you, know exactly what to do. Plan and practice your escape options!
- CLEAR ALL EXIT WAYS**
Make sure all exit doors and windows are clear of obstructions.
- GET OUT FAST!**
Know what to do and do it! Get out and get to a safe distance.
- NEVER GO BACK INSIDE!**
Call the fire dept. from somewhere safe.
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