Smoke Alarms

Lives? Save

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Check the alarm’s battery when installing. Always replace the batteries if the alarm chirps.

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Smoke alarm locations:

- In every bedroom
- On every floor

Manufacturers’ instructions:

- Replace the smoke alarm when they are 10 years old or if they do not respond properly.

Testing:

- Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pressing the test button.

Maintenance:

- Keep smoke alarms clean. Dust, dirt, grease, and smoke can block the smoke alarm.

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Alarms, smoke alarms, they’re everywhere, and for good reason. Smoke alarms provide an early warning of a potential fire, giving you time to get out safely. Smoke alarms have saved many lives, and no smoke alarm is ever too small or too far away. Yet, many homes either don’t have smoke alarms or have them placed improperly, leaving them ineffective. Here are some tips on how to install smoke alarms properly:

1. **Choose the Right Location**
   - Install smoke alarms on every floor of your home, including the garage and basement.
   - Place them near bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.
   - Smoke alarms should be at least 10 feet from any cooking appliance.

2. **Test Regularly**
   - Smoke alarms should be tested monthly to ensure they are working properly.
   - Replace the batteries at least once a year, or as recommended by the manufacturer.

3. **Stay Informed**
   - Keep your smoke alarms up to date with the latest models.
   - Stay informed about smoke alarm safety and maintenance.

By following these simple steps, you can ensure that your home is protected against the danger of fire, giving you and your family the time you need to escape safely.