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Fact Sheet

Home Fire Safety

Facts about Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms save lives by warning you of a fire. Here are some tips for keeping your home fire safe.

- Install smoke alarms inside and outside of each sleeping area.
- Install a smoke alarm right outside the kitchen.
- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Use the test button to check each smoke alarm once a month. When necessary, replace batteries immediately. Replace all batteries at least once a year.
Note: Some people find it easy to remember to replace batteries on a certain anniversary or birthday or on a specific date, such as October 1.
- Vacuum cobwebs and dust from smoke alarms monthly.
- Smoke alarms become less sensitive over time. Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.