



# Smoke Alarms

In the event of a fire, a properly installed and maintained smoke alarm can save your life and those of your loved ones. They are a very important means of preventing home fire fatalities by providing an early warning signal so you and your family can escape. Smoke alarms are one of the best safety devices you can buy and install to protect yourself,

your family, and your home. You can prevent tragedies simply by testing and maintaining your smoke alarms and practicing a fire escape plan. All smoke alarms in your house should be tested once a month and their batteries replaced annually or as indicated by the manufacturer's instructions.



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