

Look, Listen, Learn: Smoke Alarm Check



Fire safety starts with you!

Home is the place where fires happen most often and smoke alarms are the first and best protection for you and your family. Working smoke alarms save lives.

Install a smoke alarm on each level of your home and outside each sleeping area.

Have a plan

Have an escape plan for when your smoke alarm sounds.

- Practice two ways out of each room – door or window.
- Choose a meeting place a safe distance from your home to ensure everyone has made it out.
- Practice your plan at least once a year.

New batteries every year

Smoke alarm batteries should be replaced annually. Smoke alarm batteries **must** be replaced when the alarm ‘chirps’.

All smoke alarms need to be replaced every 10 years or according to the manufacturer’s instructions whether they are battery operated or hardwired in your home or workplace.

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Test alarms every month

Post the list below to your refrigerator and check off each month’s smoke alarm test.

Smoke Alarm Test Checklist

<input type="checkbox"/> JANUARY	<input type="checkbox"/> JULY
<input type="checkbox"/> FEBRUARY	<input type="checkbox"/> AUGUST
<input type="checkbox"/> MARCH	<input type="checkbox"/> SEPTEMBER
<input type="checkbox"/> APRIL	<input type="checkbox"/> OCTOBER
<input type="checkbox"/> MAY	<input type="checkbox"/> NOVEMBER
<input type="checkbox"/> JUNE	<input type="checkbox"/> DECEMBER

Check smoke alarms monthly and replace every 10 years or according to manufacturer instruction.

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Test your alarm according to the manufacturer’s instructions. Replace your smoke alarm immediately if it does not respond when tested.

You can test your home’s carbon monoxide alarm at the same time.

For more information

If you have questions about preparing a home escape plan or about installing or testing your smoke alarm, contact your local fire department.

