

Smoke Detectors

Household smoke detectors can mean the difference between life and death in the event of a fire. They will alert and wake you, if sleeping, so you can safely escape before being overcome by smoke. The National Fire Protection Association recommends that smoke detectors be installed by all sleeping areas of a home, and on every level of a structure.

- Test your detector monthly to assure proper operation.
- Battery powered detectors should have their batteries changed on an annual basis. To make it easy to remember, change them on the last Sunday in October when you change your clocks back to Standard time.
- Smoke detectors have a life expectancy of about 10 years. Any detector that is older than 10 years should be replaced.
- Newer homes have the detectors hard wired into the building electrical system. A qualified electrician should do any maintenance or replacement.