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## SMOKE DETECTOR



What is a smoke detector? A smoke detector is a fire detection device that gives you an early warning of the presence of smoke.

The numbers in fire deaths, injuries, and property damage has increased over the years because of the lack of knowledge on the importance of fire safety. Installing smoke detectors in the home can reduce the risk of injury or death in an unlikely situation such as a fire.

- A smoke detector should be installed on every level of your home, six inches from the ceiling.
- Do not install smoke detectors in the kitchen because it can give off a false alarm when cooking.
- Check your smoke detectors monthly, press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- Change batteries every six months.
- If your alarm set off a beeping sound, and there is no smoke, it means the battery needs to change.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.
- Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan.

**FIRE SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY**

**IF YOU FAIL TO PLAN, YOU PLAN TO FAIL**

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