



Smoke Alarms

Smoke Alarms Help Save Lives Change your **clocks**. Change your **batteries**.

Most fatal fires occur at night. Every home needs working smoke alarms to provide an early warning.

Install smoke alarms in all sleeping rooms, hallways that lead to sleeping areas, basements, and each additional level of your home. Call your local fire department if you are unsure about placement.

Smoke alarms should be mounted on the ceiling 4” from the wall; wall mounts should be 4-12” from the ceiling. Do not install near draft areas such as, windows and vents.

Keep your smoke alarm working. Change the batteries every six months and vacuum at least once a year. Dust and cobwebs can impair sensitivity.



When Your Smoke Alarm Beeps

It is time to change the batteries in your smoke alarm. (Check manufacturer’s instructions.)

Test Your Smoke Alarm!

Most alarms have test buttons. (Check manufacturer’s instructions.)

Remember to check your smoke alarm once a month. Change the batteries either every six months or when you change your clocks as daylight savings time begins and ends.

Prepare and practice an escape plan! Crawl low under smoke. Plan where to meet outside. **Once You’re Out, Stay Out!**

Remember, almost everyday a smoke alarm helps save someone’s life...it’s up to you to protect yourself and your family.

www.fire.ca.gov