



## Smoke Detectors

Having a smoke detector in your home is essential to the safety of you and your family. Without a smoke detector, there is no reliable way to alert you if there is danger of a fire in your home. For maximum efficiency, learn where to install smoke detectors, and how to properly maintain them.



### Where to Install

NFPA regulations state that smoke detectors should be installed:

- on every floor of your home
- in every main hallway
- in each bedroom
- outside of each sleeping area

### Maintenance

- Change the batteries every six months. A good way to remember this is to change the batteries each time you change the clock in fall and spring.
- You should also clean dust off your detector every six months, and press the test button to make sure it is still in good working condition.
- The test button should make the alarm go off, meaning the smoke detector is working fine.
- Know when to replace your smoke detector. They are usually only good for 10 years. Some will have a warning alarm, some will have a “replace by” sticker.

### Resources

[Lifesaving Safety Tips](#)

[Placement of Smoke Alarms](#)

[How To Maintain Smoke Alarms](#)

[Maintenance Tips for Home Fire Safety](#)