

# SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES



Smoke alarms give you an early warning of smoke or fire so that you have more time to escape from danger. A working smoke alarm cuts your risk of dying in a fire in half. **Here's how to stay safe:**

Clean your alarms regularly with a hair dryer or with your vacuum's brush attachment. Dust and cobwebs can hinder the alarm's performance.

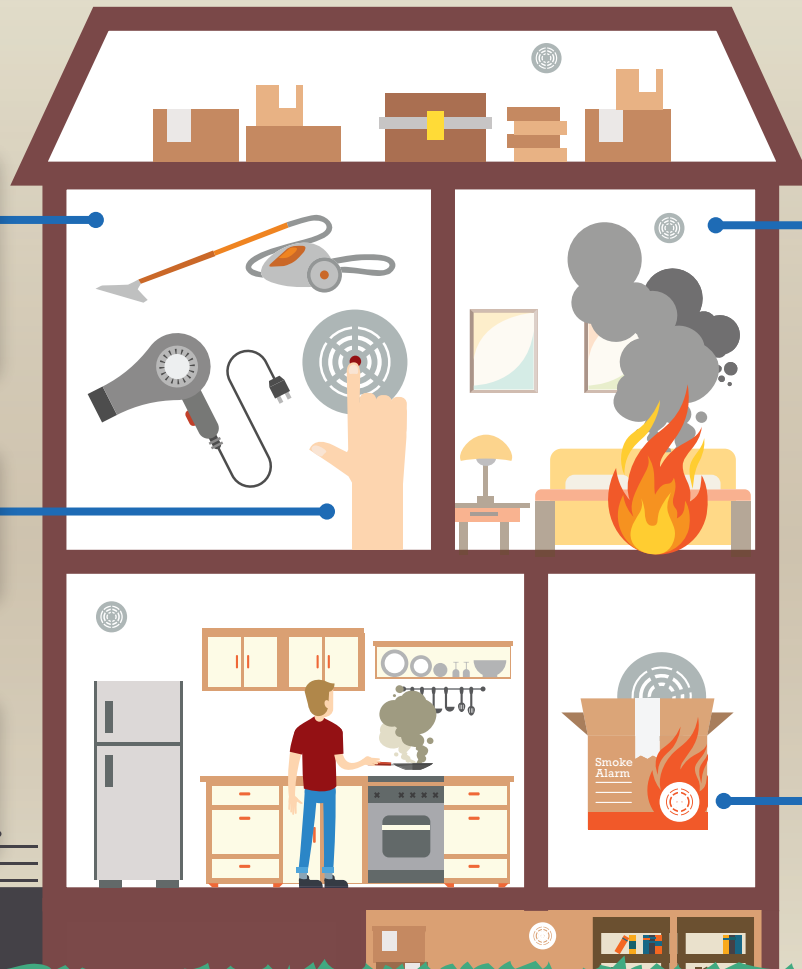
Press the TEST button on each of your alarms **every month** to make sure they're working properly.

Install your alarm **at least 10 feet away from your stove** to reduce the chance of a false alarm.

Install alarms on the ceiling or **high up** on an interior wall.

Place smoke alarms **inside each bedroom** and **outside each sleeping area** and on every level of the house, **including the basement**.

Replace all of your smoke alarms **every 10 years**.



## DID YOU KNOW?

✓ There are special smoke alarms for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. They use flashing lights or bed shaker pads to alert you.

✓ You can get special smoke alarms that are wired directly into your electrical system. No more worrying about batteries!

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