

# SMOKE ALARMS

## INSTALLING:

- Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home, including your basement. Place them near sleeping areas, and inside each bedroom.
- Because smoke rises, install smoke alarms high on walls or ceilings. Ceiling-mounted alarms should be at least 4 inches away from the nearest wall; wall-mounted alarms should be installed 4 to 12 inches away from the ceiling.
- If someone who lives in your home is deaf or hard of hearing, buy alarms that use light and vibration to signal a fire.
- Look for alarms that are connected to each other, either by wire or by wireless signal, so when one alarm sounds, the others do, too.

## MAINTAINING:

- Every month, test each alarm by pushing the test button.
- Replace smoke alarm batteries every year, and replace the entire smoke alarm every 10 years, or when the manufacturer recommends.
- Keep your smoke alarms clean by vacuuming them.

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Developed in partnership with the safety experts at Nationwide Children's Hospital, the app helps you make your home safer. Get room-by-room safety checklists, link to recommended products, and set reminders.



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