



Fire Prevention:

Smoke Detectors

Smoke detectors are a device that detect smoke, typically an indicator of fire.

Commercial, industrial, and mass residential devices issue a signal to a fire alarm system, while household detectors, known as smoke alarms, generally issue a local audible or visual alarm from the detector itself (to alert occupants inside the home).

In the United States the N.F.P.A. estimates two thirds of deaths from house fires occur in properties without working smoke alarms/detectors.

Smoke detectors require a power source (either battery, direct current, or both). Batteries should be replaced once yearly (twice yearly preferred). An easy way to remember to change your smoke detector batteries is to replace them when you change your clocks for day light savings time.

Check to make sure your smoke detectors are working properly by pushing the "Test" button frequently (monthly preferred). Make sure the alarm sounds when you press the test button.

Never paint smoke detectors and always affix them to the wall and operate them per your devices manufacturers specifications.

Place smoke detectors in sleep areas of your house (hallways outside of bedrooms) and make sure every floor has at least one working smoke detector.

Replace your smoke alarm/detectors every ten years.

