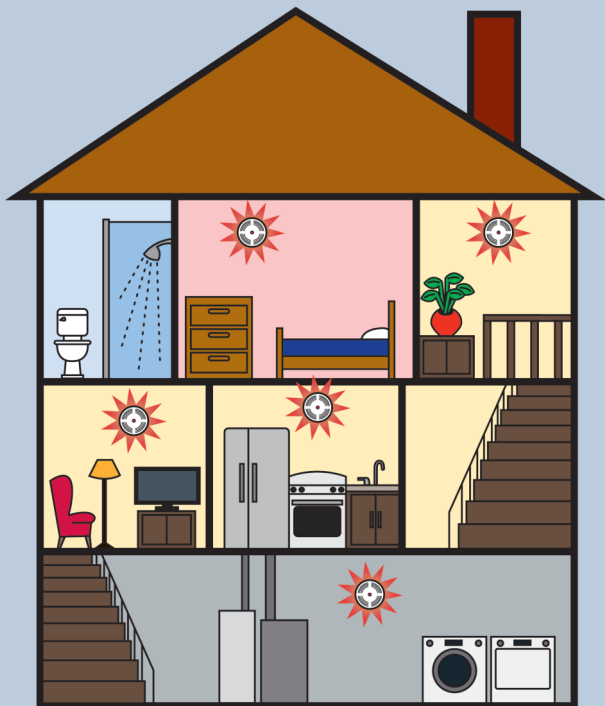


FINDING THE RIGHT SPOT

When installing smoke alarms in your home, it is important to place them in the proper locations for optimal protection.



- ◆ Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside of each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- ◆ A photoelectric alarm should be installed a minimum of 10 feet from any cooking area or appliance to help reduce nuisance alarms.
- ◆ Interconnected smoke alarms throughout the home provides added protection. When one smoke alarm sounds, all other alarms will sound.
- ◆ When installing any smoke alarm, follow the manufacturer's instructions for installation, testing, and maintenance of the alarm.

DON'T FORGET!

- ◆ Test alarms at least once a month by simply pressing the "test" button.
- ◆ If your alarms require 9-volt batteries, replace the batteries once a year.
- ◆ Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.
- ◆ Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside of each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- ◆ If the alarm sounds, get outside and then call 9-1-1.
- ◆ Install at least one carbon monoxide (CO) alarm on each level of the home to protect against the "silent killer."

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WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

According to the National Fire Protection Association, nearly three out of five residential fire deaths were the result of fires without a smoke alarm or without a working smoke alarm!

Just one working smoke alarm in the home can help save lives. These life safety devices alert occupants that there is a potential danger and provide a timely warning to escape the home before becoming overcome by smoke and heat.



Roughly 3 out of 5 fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarm or no working smoke alarm!

Smoke alarms save lives. Alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a significant role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. If there is a fire in your home, smoke alarms give you time to get out!

THE RIGHT ALARMS FOR YOUR HOME

Since 1988, all dwellings in Illinois have been required to have smoke alarms. With advancements in technology, there have been updates made to the state law (1/1/23).

Homes built after 1988 that already have hardwired smoke alarms may utilize replaceable battery or sealed battery units (the battery is the back-up power source).

Homes built prior to 1988 and do not have hardwired smoke alarms must utilize 10-year sealed battery units (the battery is the only power source).

To learn more about the Illinois Smoke Alarm Law, visit www.IFSA.org/smoke-alarm-law.

BENEFIT OF 10-YEAR SEALED BATTERIES



HASSLE-FREE
No more climbing up the ladder to change batteries.



NO LATE-NIGHT LOW BATTERY CHIRPS



MORE SAVING
No more costly battery replacements for the life of the alarm.

Also, make sure that the smoke alarms you purchase have been approved by a reputable independent, third-party testing organization, such as UL Solutions.



TEST SMOKE ALARMS MONTHLY

- ◆ When testing, if the alarm does not respond, change the battery and retest.
- ◆ If the alarm still does not work, replace with a new unit.



NUISANCE ALARMS

When frustrating beeps and chirps come from home smoke alarms, it often results in the removal of the battery or the detachment of the unit from its mounting bracket - leaving the home vulnerable.

Follow these simple guidelines to reduce nuisance alarms in the home.

If the alarm activates while cooking

- ◆ Do not take the battery out or remove the alarm from its mounting bracket - fan away the smoke and fumes.
- ◆ Install the alarm in a location that is further away from the cooking area or appliance - at least 10 feet away.
- ◆ Install a photoelectric smoke alarm near the kitchen area or have an alarm with a "hush" button. The Hush Button will silence the alarm for a short period of time without having to remove the battery or detaching the unit from its mounting bracket.