

# GET ALARMED!



ALARM WITH SEALED  
10-YEAR BATTERY



## ONLY WORKING ALARMS SAVE LIVES

Having working smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms give you and your family an early warning sign that something is wrong.

**FIRE SPREADS FAST AND  
CARBON MONOXIDE IS A SILENT KILLER.**

**WORKING ALARMS ARE THE MOST CRITICAL COMPONENT  
OF YOUR ESCAPE PLAN.**



In recent years, **70% OF FIRE DEATHS HAVE OCCURRED IN HOMES** where there were no working smoke/carbon monoxide alarms.

Your risk of dying in a fire is cut in half when there are working smoke/carbon monoxide alarms in your home.

## TIPS FOR A SAFE HOME:

### WORKING ALARMS

- Have both a smoke alarm and a CO alarm (or a combination smoke/carbon monoxide alarm). One type of alarm is not a substitute for the other.
- Be sure to have the right type of alarm. Alarms must be approved by Underwriters Laboratories (look for a UL mark) and have an audible end-of-life warning. All new and replacement smoke alarms should have a sealed 10-year battery that is non-replaceable and non-removable.
- If your smoke alarm uses replaceable batteries, it should be replaced immediately with one that has a worry-free battery that lasts up to 10 years.
- Alarms should be installed where you sleep and on every level of your home, including basements.
- Test your alarms regularly by pressing the test button.
- Consider installing interconnected alarms so that when one alarm sounds, they all sound.
- Special alarms should be installed for those who are hard of hearing or deaf. Strobe lights and bed shakers are available.

### ALARM MAINTENANCE

- Test your alarms regularly by pressing the test button
- Keep alarms clean by regularly dusting or vacuuming.
- Replace alarms every 10 years or when the alarm signals that it has reached the end of life and needs to be replaced.

### WHEN THE ALARM SOUNDS

- If a CO alarm sounds, you and your family should get out immediately and call 911.
- If a smoke alarm sounds, be sure to execute your escape plan.
- If an adult determines that the alarm was set off accidentally by bathroom steam or cooking vapors, then the adult should quiet the alarm by pushing the hush or reset button.

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Call 911 quickly to report fire, smoke, fumes, odor of gas and medical emergencies!

