



Learn About Smoke Alarms

Why do I need smoke alarms?

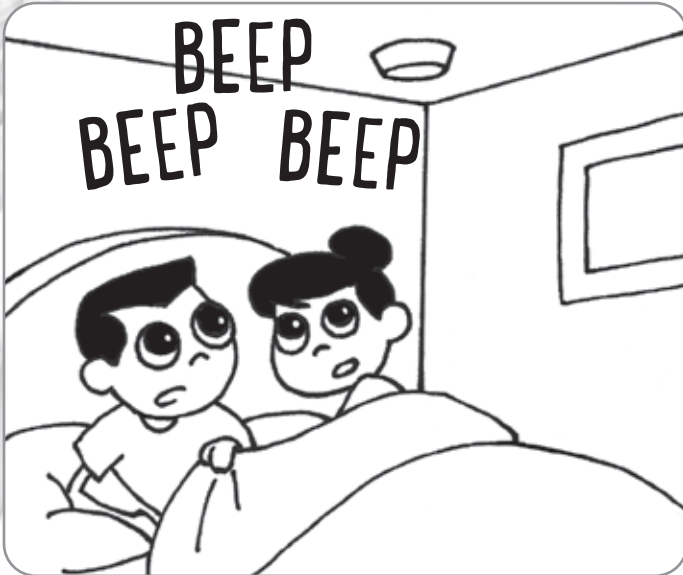
Fire makes smoke. Smoke is fast. Smoke is silent. Smoke is dangerous.

Smoke alarms save lives.

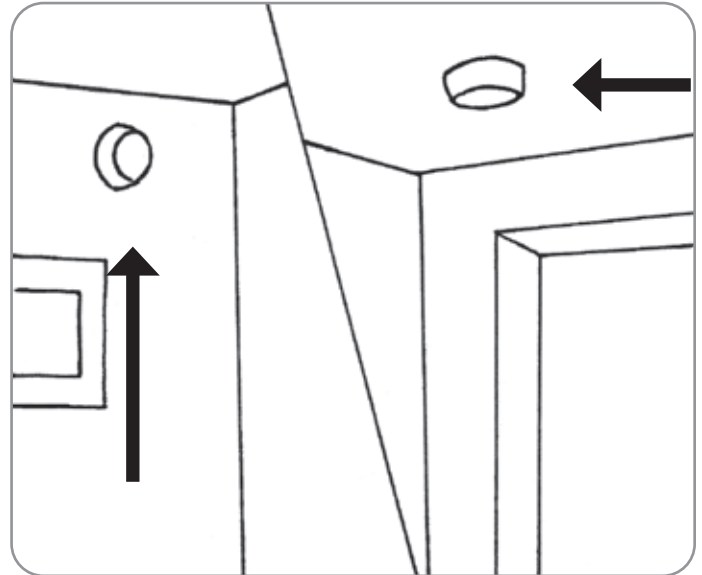
They make a sound to warn you — BEEP-BEEP-BEEP! — so you can get out fast.



Where should I put my smoke alarms?



Put a smoke alarm on every level, inside every bedroom, and near other sleeping areas to wake you up when you're asleep.

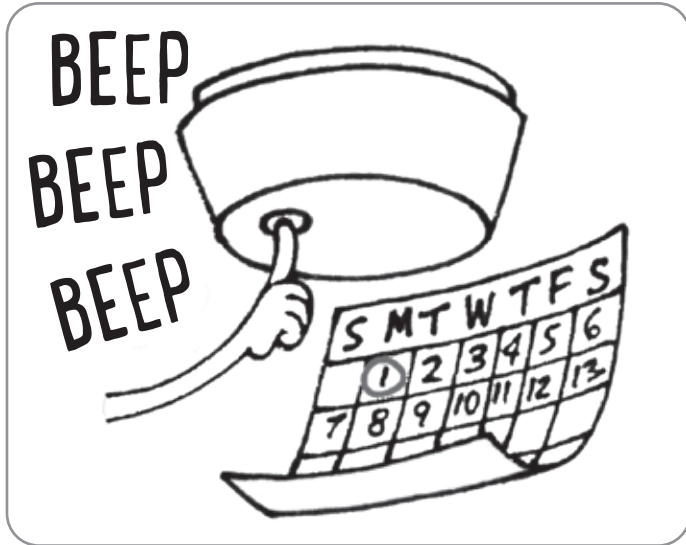


Always put smoke alarms high on the wall or on the ceiling.



Don't put smoke alarms in the kitchen or bathroom. Cooking and steam can make them BEEP when there is no fire.

How do I keep my smoke alarms working?



Push the test button every month. If you don't hear a sound, you need a new battery or a new smoke alarm. Fix it immediately.

What should I do when a smoke alarm makes a CHIRP sound?



That means the battery is getting old. Replace the battery or get a new smoke alarm.

What should I do when a smoke alarm makes a BEEP-BEEP-BEEP sound?



Have a plan to wake up your children. Then get out fast! Stay low so you don't breathe the smoke. Close the doors behind you as you exit. Go to your meeting place outside.

A note for caregivers: Smoke alarms do not last forever. Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old. Replace any alarm that does not BEEP when you push the test button.



Call 9-1-1 when you are outside. Never go back inside a burning building.

Have fire drills to practice with your family until you can all get outside in less than 3 minutes.