

Test Your Smoke Alarms and Change Batteries

Your smoke detectors need to be checked at least once a month. This means you need to hold down the test button and wait for the alert to sound. Easy, right? Bet it's been a few months since you've checked! That's ok, you're going to get out there and test your smoke detectors today! If the alarm is weak, it's time to replace the batteries. Try lithium or long-life batteries to reduce how often you need to change them.

If the smoke detectors in your home are eight to 10 years old, experts recommend replacing the entire unit, even if it isn't broken.



Get Smart Smoke Detectors

Did you know you can link your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms to your smartphone? With this technology, firefighters can get to the scene fast and stop smoke and fire damage in their tracks. Ionization smoke alarms give fast warnings for flame fires and photoelectric alarms are faster at detecting smoldering fires. Try dual combination alarms for 360° protection against all types of fires.



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