

# SMOKE ALARMS

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### Smoke Alarm Location

- Install an alarm outside each separate sleeping area
- Install an alarm on each level of the home
- Install an alarm in every bedroom



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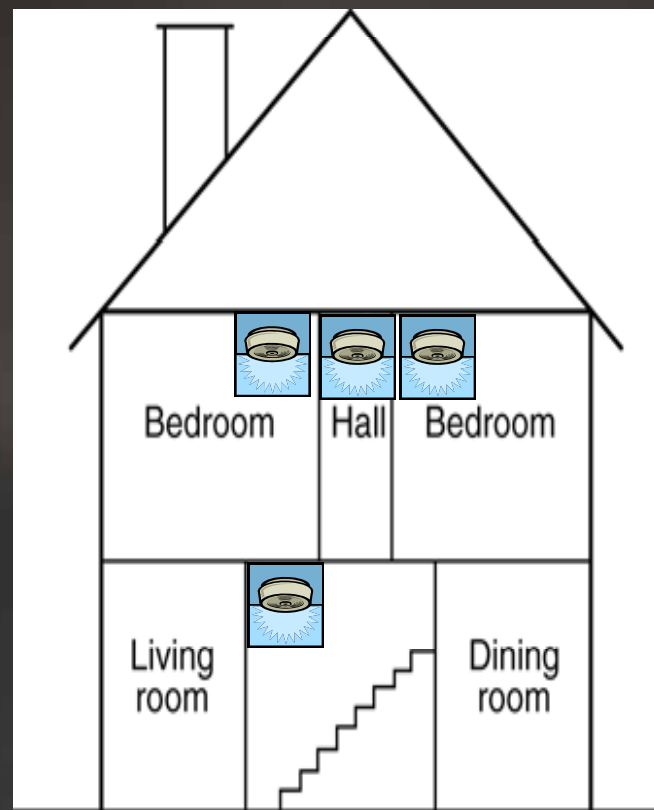
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**DO NOT** install smoke alarms in the following locations:

- Kitchens
- Bathrooms
- Garages
- Laundry Rooms
- Dusty or Greasy Areas



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These areas are prone to “nuisance alarms” and excessive moisture, grease or dust can damage the sensors





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## Install Ceiling Location



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- At least 4 to 8 inches away from the nearest wall
- At the highest point for pitched or vaulted ceilings
- Do not install near windows, doors, air ducts, or above ceiling fans





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### Wall Location

- At least 4 inches but no more than 12 inches below the ceiling
- Do not install over windows, doors, or next to air ducts



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### Smoke Alarm Location

- Wall or ceiling locations are both acceptable
- Avoid the 4" "dead space" where the wall meets the ceiling



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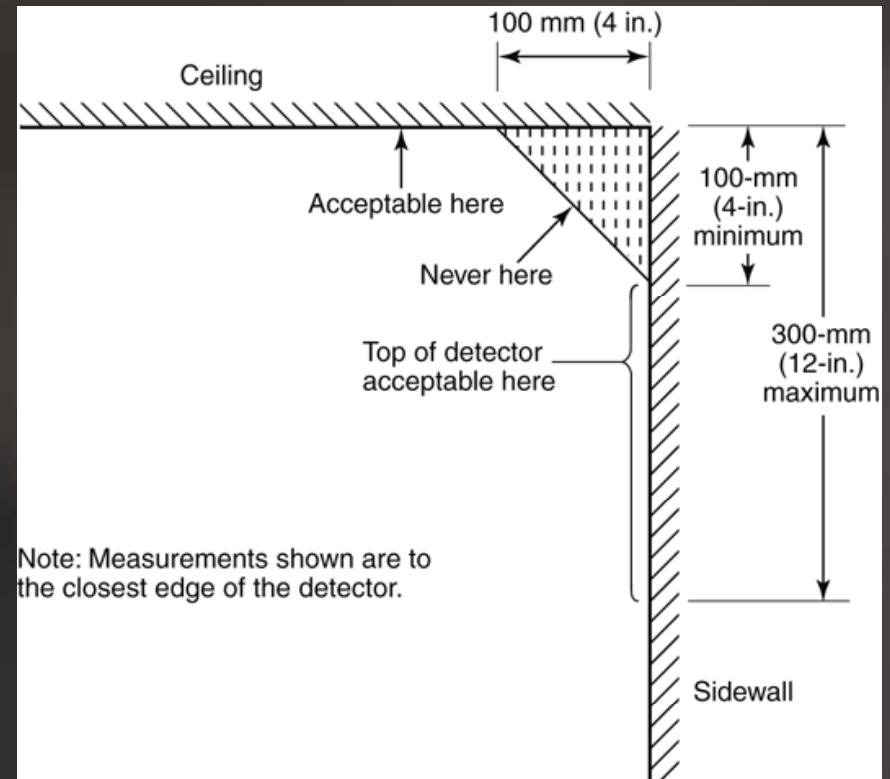
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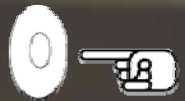
- **Replace Smoke Alarms every 8-10 years**
- **Test monthly by pressing the test button**
- **Replace (alkaline) battery every six months regardless of functionality**
- **If the Smoke Alarm has a Lithium battery: NEVER remove the battery from the alarm**
- **Vacuum the surface of the alarm annually**



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## WARNING!



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### Monitored Security/Fire Systems

If you have an alarm that is monitored by a security/fire company like ADT or Brinks:

### DO NOT TEST!

Unless you have been trained

You may receive a visit from the local fire station



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## Protect



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- Develop a family escape plan and practice it
- Never disable a smoke alarm by removing the battery. If "nuisance alarms" are a problem, consider relocating the alarm
- Never "borrow" a battery from a smoke alarm
- Never cover or paint smoke alarms





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Remember to inspect your  
Smoke Alarms Today!



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