Smoke Alarms

A working smoke alarm is your first line of defence if there is a fire in your home.

SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

If the alarm sounds...

+ Get out and stay out.
+ Never go back inside for people or pets.
+ If you have to escape through smoke, get low and crawl under the smoke toward your exit.
+ Call 911 from outside your home.

Maintain your smoke alarms.

+ Always follow the manufacturer’s instructions when installing smoke alarms.
+ Install smoke alarms within 5 metres of each bedroom.
+ Test alarms each month by pressing and holding the test button.
+ Replace all alarms (both electrical and battery-operated) every 10 years.
+ Replace alarm batteries when you change your clocks for Daylight Savings Time.
+ Vacuum out the alarm every 6 months.

Fire Facts

+ 70% of people who die in home fires either don’t have smoke alarms or their smoke alarms aren’t working.
+ According to the National Fire Protection Association, a properly installed, fully-functioning smoke alarm cuts the risk of dying in a fire by 50%.
+ Fire fatalities occur as a result of breathing in smoke and toxic gases, not from the fire itself. That’s why the early detection provided by smoke alarms is vital for survival.

Remember, smoke rises.

+ When installing smoke alarms, place them on the ceiling or high up on a wall according to the manufacturer’s instructions.
+ Consider adding interconnected smoke alarms. This way, if one smoke alarm goes off, they all do, helping to keep everyone safe.

Make sure everyone can hear the smoke alarms.

+ Smoke alarms and alert devices/accessories are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as for those who are heavy sleepers.
+ Strobe lights or pillow/bed shakers are also available.