



Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarms



Smoke alarms save lives, but only if they are properly installed and functioning. Most fatalities happen in homes without working smoke alarms. Maintain your alarms according to manufacturer's instructions.

Install

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide alarms should be installed on every level of your home including your basement. Recommendations are that you install at least one smoke alarm inside each bedroom also.

Test

Battery-operated alarms should be tested once a month using the test button to ensure they are working. Battery operated alarms provide protection even during power outages.

Change

Replace batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms once a year. Each fall when clocks are changed to mark the end of Daylight Saving Time, install a new battery. If an alarm at any time “chirps” to indicate a low battery – change it.

A ten-year lithium battery smoke alarm does not need to have its battery changed. Replace smoke alarms that use extended-life, lithium batteries, when the alarm “chirps”, or fails to respond to periodic testing. The batteries in these units cannot be changed; the entire alarm must be replaced.

False Alarms

Use the hush button to silence a false alarm from cooking smoke or steam. Never disconnect or remove the battery. If your smoke alarm does not have a hush button use a magazine or kitchen towel to fan the smoke away from the alarm.

Replace

Replace your smoke alarms every ten years and your carbon monoxide alarms every seven years at the latest. If you do not know how old your alarm is or if it is older than the manufacture's recommendation, replace it as soon as possible.

Free Smoke Alarms for Ewing Homeowners

Free “Kiddie: ten year ionization smoke alarms” are provided and installed in homes within Ewing Township if needed. You must live in Ewing Township and own your home.

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Smoke/CO alarms in rental properties

Whether you live in a rented house or apartment, your landlord is required to provide you with a working smoke and CO alarm. Tenants are responsible for maintaining the alarms.

If your rental property does not have a smoke alarm, inform your landlord of this obligation. If you are having difficulty communicating with your landlord about this matter the following organizations may be of assistance:

Ewing Township Fire Prevention Bureau:
Fire Marshal – Jim Hall (609) 883-2900 x 7179

Ewing Township Housing Bureau:
Assistant Construction Official - Mike Stallone (609) 883-2900 x 7673

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact us. If you need help installing or testing your smoke and/or carbon monoxide alarms we will do so anytime at your convenience. We are here for your safety and to guide you throughout the process!

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