



# Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarms



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

## 1. TEST ALARMS

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

## 2. CHANGE BATTERIES

Replace batteries in your battery operated alarms once a year. Each fall when clocks are changed to mark the end of Daylight Savings Time, install new batteries. 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.

## 3. 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.

## 4. REPLACE ALARMS

Smoke alarms are normally replaced every 10 years. Carbon monoxide alarms are usually replaced anywhere from five-seven years. Always replace your alarm based on the manufacturer's recommendation. You may not replace any A.C. powered (electric) single or multiple station smoke alarms with battery-powered smoke alarms.

## One & Two Family Homes: Criteria for Smoke and CO Alarms

<p><b>BUILT BEFORE 1977:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Battery Smoke Alarms</li> <li>-One on each level, including basement (If there is a basement, smoke alarm must be placed at the bottom of the stairwell)</li> <li>-Within ten feet of each bedroom</li> <li>-CO alarm within ten feet of each sleeping area</li> </ul>	<p><b>BUILT 1977 OR AFTER, BUT BEFORE 1984:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Electric Smoke Alarms</li> <li>-One on each level, including basement</li> <li>-Within ten feet of each bedroom</li> <li>-CO alarm within ten feet of each sleeping area</li> </ul>
<p><b>BUILT 1984 OR AFTER, BUT BEFORE 1990:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Electric Smoke alarms - Interconnected</li> <li>-One on each level, including basement</li> <li>-Within ten feet of each bedroom</li> <li>-CO alarm within ten feet of each sleeping area</li> </ul>	<p><b>BUILT 1990 TO PRESENT:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Electric Smoke Alarms with Battery Back-up - All Interconnected</li> <li>-One on each level, including basement</li> <li>-Within ten feet of each bedroom</li> <li>-In each bedroom</li> <li>-CO alarm within ten feet of each sleeping area</li> </ul>
<p><b>Smoke Alarm Placement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Must be placed on the ceiling or within six-twelve inches of the ceiling on the wall.</li> </ul> <p><b>CO Alarm Placement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Permitted to be battery operated, hard-wired(requires permit and inspection), or the plug in type.</li> <li>-May be placed anywhere on the ceiling or the wall.</li> <li>-Must be installed in homes that contain a fuel burning appliance or an attached garage.</li> </ul>	

**Contact us to see if you qualify for FREE smoke and/or CO alarms today! We provide and install!**

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# Ewing Township Fire Services

## Smoke & CO Alarm Request Form

**Fill out this form to request the installation of alarms in your home by the fire department**

To qualify for smoke alarms, you must be a Ewing Township homeowner and your home must be built before 1977. To qualify for carbon monoxide alarms, you must be a Ewing Township homeowner and must have an attached garage and/or a fuel burning appliance within your home. Homes already on or being put on the market to sell do not qualify. Rental properties do not qualify. 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. Any applicant and/or resident which resides in said home that identifies as a senior, low income, or has a disability will take priority.

### APPLICANT NAME

FIRST: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST: \_\_\_\_\_

### ADDRESS

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

### CONTACT INFORMATION

PHONE NUMBER: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE "✓" ALL THE FOLLOWING BOXES THAT APPLY:

- I AM REQUESTING:  SMOKE ALARMS  CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS
- I AM A:  EWING RESIDENT  EWING HOMEOWNER
- DO YOU AND/OR ANOTHER EWING RESIDENT WHO RESIDES AT THE ADDRESS YOU PROVIDED ABOVE IDENTIFY AS A SENIOR, LOW INCOME, AND/OR HAVE A DISABILITY?  
(YOU MAY BE ASKED TO PROVIDE PROOF.)  
 NO YES -  SENIOR  LOW INCOME  DISABILITY
- TYPE OF DWELLING:  HOUSE  APARTMENT  CONDO  OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_
- HOME INFORMATION:  
 MY HOME WAS BUILT BEFORE 1977  MY HOME HAS AN ATTACHED GARAGE  
 MY HOME HAS A FUEL BURNING APPLIANCE(S)  MY HOME IS CURRENTLY FOR SALE
- ARE THERE SMOKE ALARMS INSTALLED IN YOUR HOME NOW?  
 NO  YES - HOW MANY? \_\_\_\_\_
- ARE THERE CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS INSTALLED IN YOUR HOME NOW?  
 NO  YES - HOW MANY? \_\_\_\_\_
- PREFERRED TIME OF INSTALLATION BY FIRE DEPARTMENT:  
 MORNING  AFTERNOON  NIGHT  ANYTIME
- NUMBER OF FLOORS IN YOUR HOME, INCLUDING BASEMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORMS TO: [ewingfire@ewingnj.org](mailto:ewingfire@ewingnj.org)