

DON'T WAIT— *Check the Date!*



How old are your smoke alarms?

Smoke alarms don't last forever. *They usually last 10 years.* Check the manufacturer's date on your smoke alarms today! **Replace expired alarms.**



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Look at the back of the smoke alarm for the date of manufacture. The expiry date is usually 10 years from that date. **Replace expired alarms.**



TEST YOUR SMOKE ALARMS.

Once you've checked the date, test your smoke alarms by pressing the test button. Test alarms monthly. Change the batteries once a year.



INSTALL SMOKE ALARMS ON EVERY STOREY OF THE HOME AND OUTSIDE ALL SLEEPING AREAS. For added protection, install smoke alarms in every bedroom.



HOME ESCAPE PLANNING

It is **vital** that you know what to do when the smoke alarms sound in an emergency:

- Sit down with everyone in your home and discuss how each person will get out in a fire.
- **GET OUT & STAY OUT!** When the smoke alarms sound, get out immediately and call 9-1-1 from outside. Never re-enter a burning building.

Despite their best efforts, the fire department may not arrive quickly enough to save you from a fire. **You need to be outside when the firefighters arrive.**

For more information, contact your local fire department.



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