

# Smoke Alarm and Carbon Monoxide Safety Tips



To keep you and your family safe, it is very important that you have a working smoke alarm on every floor – preferably in every bedroom. The Consumer Product Safety Commission has the following recommendations to make sure your home smoke alarms are properly installed and maintained:



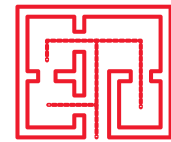
Test your smoke alarms every month



Replace your batteries annually



When shopping for smoke alarms, consider interconnected alarms as they allow other alarms in the home to sound if one has detected smoke



Have a fire escape plan and practice it with your family members twice a year

Having carbon monoxide alarms in your home is just as important as having smoke alarms. Carbon monoxide is a poisonous, colorless and odorless gas which is impossible to detect without an alarm.

While you should have a carbon monoxide detector installed in your home, the Consumer Product Safety Commission wants you to be aware of the symptoms of poisoning which include:



Headache



Fatigue



Shortness of breath



Nausea



Dizziness



Mental Confusion



Vomiting



Loss of muscular coordination



Loss of consciousness



Death

As with smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors should be installed on each level of the home and outside sleeping areas. The batteries should also be tested monthly.

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