

# LIVING IN A HOME WITHOUT SMOKE DETECTORS IS RISKY BUSINESS!

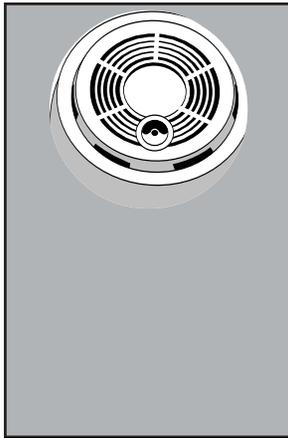
When fire occurs in your home, your chances for survival are two times better when smoke detectors are present than when they are not.

Smoke detectors, when properly installed and maintained (following

manufacturer's directions), provide early warning when fires occur. Early warning increases your chances for survival and allows the fire department to save more of your property.

**You may have as little as two minutes to escape a fire. Smoke detectors provide the early warning your family needs to survive a night time fire.**

In support of smoke detector effectiveness, many cities and states have laws requiring the installation of smoke detectors in dwellings. Check with your local fire department for further information.



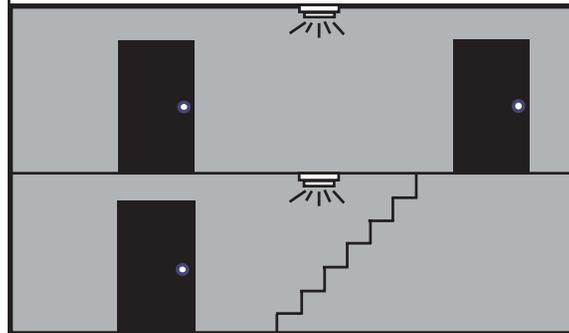
## SAFETY TIPS:

### HELP SAVE YOUR LIFE & PROPERTY FROM FIRE:

Contact your local fire department or the Division of State Fire Marshal for additional information on fire prevention and fire safety.

For your protection, install a smoke detector inside of each bedroom or sleeping area and on every level of your home.

# 1



If your smoke detector sounds an alarm when no smoke is present, consult with the manufacturer or with your local fire department. If smoke from cooking materials causes the detector to sound an alarm, do not remove

# 3

the batteries or disconnect the power source. Simply fan the smoke away from the detector until the alarm stops. If this happens frequently, it may be necessary to relocate the detector or to install a different type of detector.



Keep your smoke detectors properly maintained.

Test them at least once each month to ensure that the detectors are working properly. Batteries in battery-operated detectors should be changed twice a year.

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**(Change your clock, change your battery)**

Use only the type of batteries recommended on the detector.

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Develop an escape plan and review the plan with all members of the family frequently. Be aware that children and elderly people may need special assistance should fire occur. Establish a meeting place outside the house for all members of the family to ensure that everyone got out safely. When fire occurs, get out of the house and use a neighbor's telephone to notify the fire department.

**IF YOUR  
SMOKE DETECTOR  
DOESN'T WORK PROPERLY,  
THE SILENCE COULD BE  
DEADLY!**

**TEST.**

Test your smoke detector at least once a month. Push the test button or use smoke.



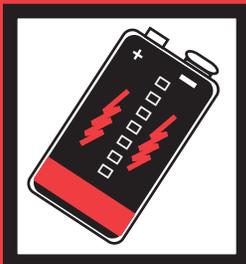
**CLEAN.**

Clean your detector at least once a year. Dust with a vacuum cleaner.



**REPLACE.**

Replace the battery twice a year. Use the battery type listed on the detector.



In Ohio, there is a residential fire every half hour.



Over 75% of fire deaths occur in residences.



The installation of just one smoke detector doubles your chances of escaping a nighttime fire.



When you purchase a smoke detector, be sure that it contains the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) label.



UL requires that smoke detectors with its listing contain detailed instructions on installation and maintenance. These instructions should be followed closely.



All smoke detectors have a finite life expectancy and will eventually wear out. Test your detector frequently. If it does not work properly after receiving a fresh battery, the detector itself should be replaced.

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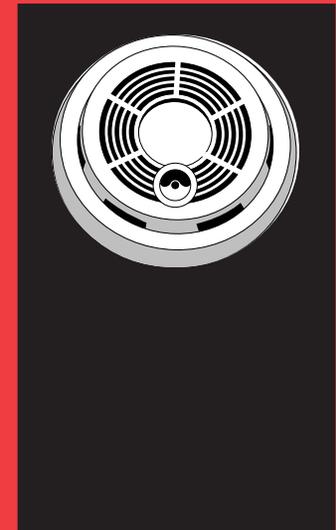
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Without One!**

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