

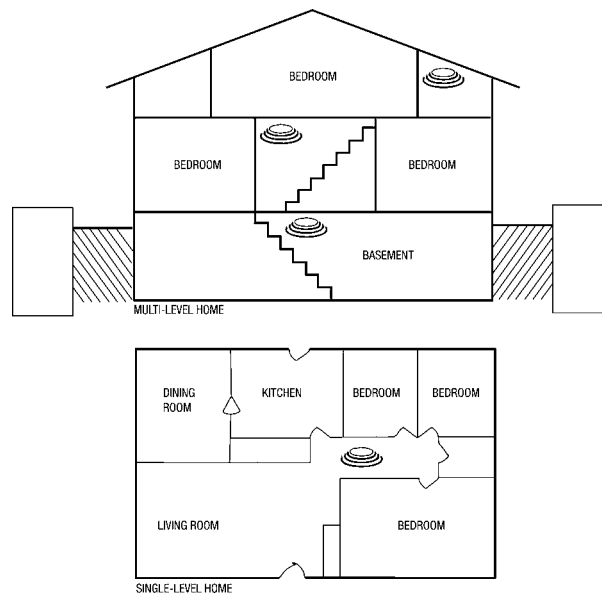
Safety is everyone's responsibility.

Safer Use of Smoke Alarm – Placement and Maintenance

You see it on the news every week. A house or apartment building burns and someone's child, mother, father or other loved one dies in the tragedy. All too often the building didn't have smoke alarms or the alarms weren't connected to a power source.

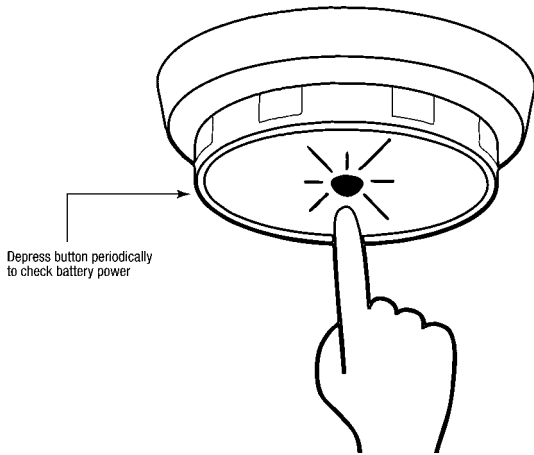
Smoke alarms are inexpensive devices that provide *early warning* of a fire and may give you and your family the extra time needed to reach safety.

But, smoke alarms can't work if they're not installed and maintained properly. Install UL Listed residential smoke alarms outside each bedroom and sleeping area and on each level of the home – including the basement. If bedroom doors are frequently closed – especially at night, install additional units inside each of these bedrooms for added protection.



Check and follow the smoke alarm's use and care booklet for additional installation instructions and remember these smoke alarm and fire safety tips:

- Read and follow the manufacturer's installation and maintenance instructions exactly.
- Install fresh batteries in your smoke alarms at least once a year.



- Don't allow anyone to disconnect or "borrow" the batteries from your smoke alarms. A smoke alarm can't work unless it's connected to a power source.
- If a smoke alarm's warning signal sounds, don't panic. Stay close to the floor and get out of the building. Before opening any doors, check the temperature. If the door feels hot to the touch don't open it. Use an alternate exit.

Develop and practice a fire escape plan for your household. Every family member should know at least two ways out of each room. Designate a well-lit place, a safe distance from your home, where everyone will meet in the event of a fire. This will help firefighters determine if anyone is still in the burning home. And, remember, never return to a burning building for any reason. ***Your belongings can be replaced – you can't!***

For more consumer safety information, visit <http://www.ul.com/regulators/pubedu.html>

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