

General Guide for Maintenance and Care of Smoke Detectors

REGULAR TESTING:

It's essential to test your detectors monthly to ensure they are functioning correctly. Use the test button provided on the detectors and verify that the alarm sounds. If the alarm doesn't sound, replace the batteries or the entire unit as needed.



BATTERY REPLACEMENT:

While your detectors may come with fresh batteries, it's important to establish a schedule for battery replacement. Plan to replace the batteries at least once a year or as recommended by the manufacturer.



KEEPING THEM CLEAN:

Although your smoke detectors are new, it's still important to keep them clean to prevent any potential obstructions. Regularly dust or vacuum the detectors using a soft brush attachment. Avoid using harsh cleaning chemicals that could damage the detectors.

FALSE ALARM PREVENTION:

Proper placement of your smoke detectors reduces the likelihood of false alarms. However, be cautious about potential sources of steam or cooking fumes, such as kitchens or bathrooms, as they can trigger the detectors. If needed, install separate heat detectors in these areas to avoid unnecessary alarms.

REPLACE WHEN NECESSARY:

While your smoke detectors are new, they still have a limited lifespan. Check the manufacturer's recommendations for the expected lifespan of your specific model. Generally, smoke detectors should be replaced every 10 years. If they malfunction or reach their expiration date, replace them promptly.

FIRE SAFETY PREPAREDNESS:

While having smoke detectors is vital, they should be complemented by a well-designed fire escape plan and other preventive measures. Ensure you have a fire escape plan in place, regularly check your fire extinguishers, and maintain fuel-burning appliances according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Always refer to the specific instructions provided by the manufacturer for your particular model to ensure proper care and maintenance.