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SMOKE DETECTOR TIPS

Check your detector
monthly by pushing
the test button.



Each bedroom and
hallway needs a
detector



Replace 10-year-old
detectors



Don't remove
batteries in a
detector near the
kitchen due to false
alarms, instead
replace it with a
photoelectric
detector

Shopping Tip:

*Buy a smoke detector
that uses both
photoelectric and
ionization technology.*



A Key to Healthy Housing

Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Every home needs **smoke detectors!** There must be a smoke detector in each bedroom, hallway and floor of a home. If your smoke detector is more than three years old, it is likely an ionization smoke detector. These are a little cheaper and react well to a hot flaming fire. Photoelectric-type detectors are set off by smoke and are very effective at detecting smoldering and smoky fires which are often more deadly. Recommendations:

- ❖ **HAVE WORKING SMOKE DETECTORS IN YOUR HOME.**
- ❖ When you replace or add smoke alarms, buy ones that use both photoelectric and ionization technology to detect fires.
- ❖ To reduce false alarms, put up photoelectric detectors near kitchens.
- ❖ Replace batteries twice a year in spring and fall.
- ❖ If you rent your home, notify the property owner if you need smoke detectors added or replaced.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is colorless and odorless. The only way to know if there is too much in your home is to install a carbon monoxide detector. Symptoms range from nausea, headaches, and shortness of breath, dizziness, unconsciousness and death.

Sources of carbon monoxide include all fuel-burning appliances (gas stoves, dryers, and water heaters) as well as fireplaces, barbecues, and cars. Recommendations:

- ❖ Have a professional maintain all heating systems and gas appliances.
- ❖ Install, a ceiling/wall or outlet mounted detector, both of which are effective, if put up according to manufacturer instructions.
- ❖ Combination smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are effective.
- ❖ Replace batteries twice a year in spring and fall.

CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR TIPS

If a carbon monoxide
alarm goes off, **LEAVE
YOUR HOME**, get to
fresh air, and call 911



Install a carbon
monoxide detector on
each floor



Interior remodeling
projects over \$1,000
require installation of
carbon monoxide
detectors



Call your gas company
for additional info and
services