

Smoke Detectors



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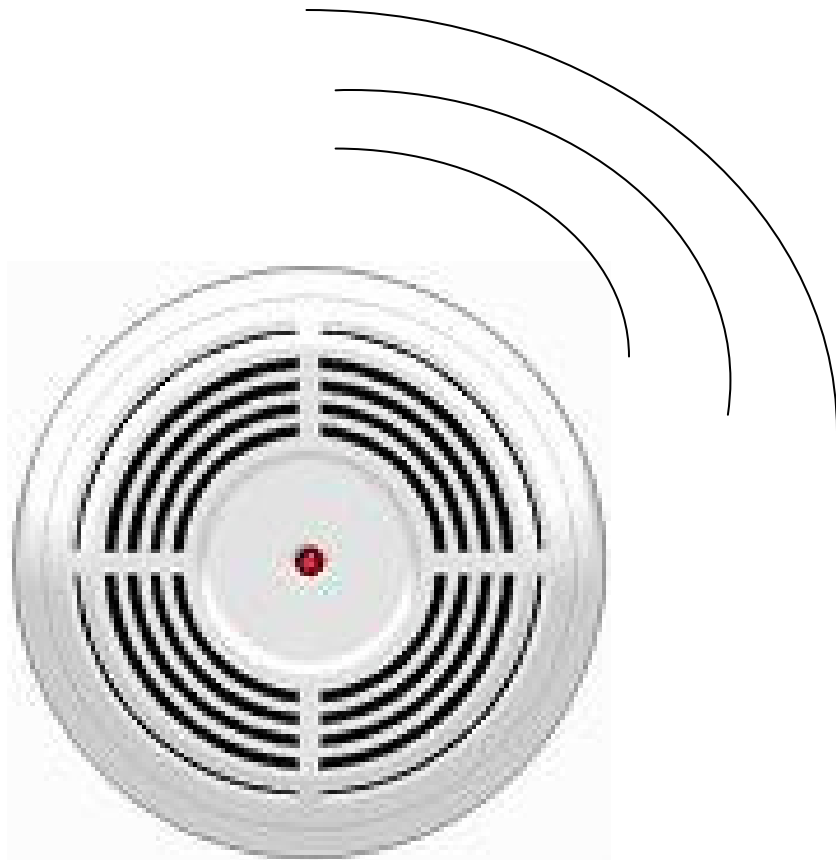
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Shenandoah County Department of Fire and Rescue is dedicated to making sure every citizen in or passing through our county stays as safe as possible. SCFR have gathered the most important information about smoke detectors. We hope you read and talk about the topic covered in this booklet with your family. If you have questions feel free to contact our office and we will help you any way we can.

Sincerely,

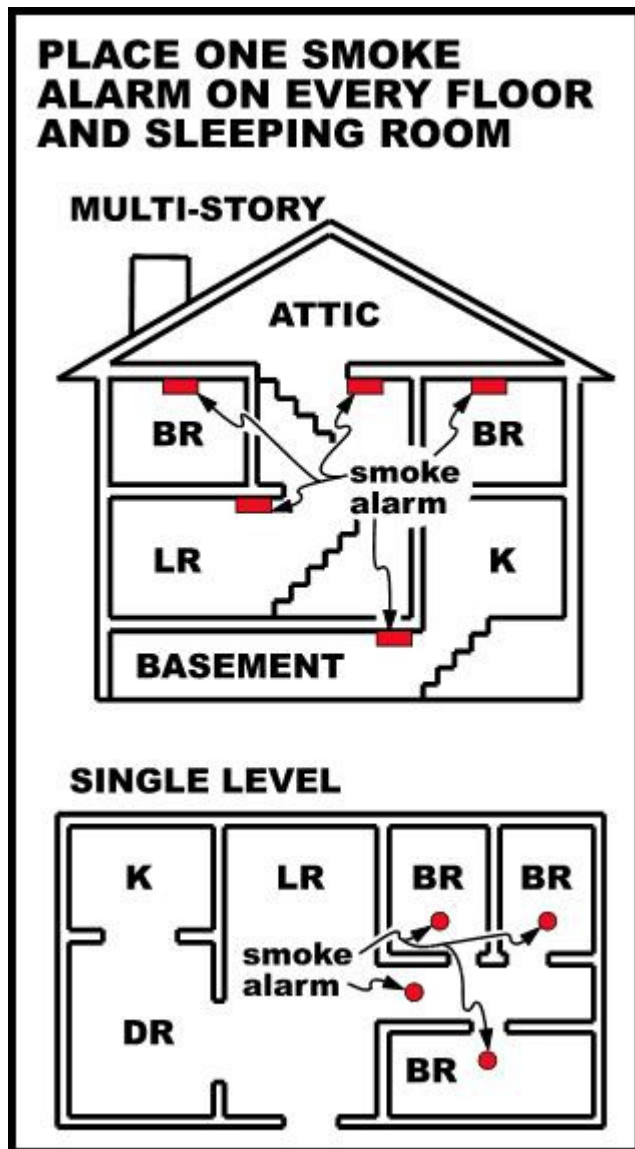
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**SMOKE DETECTORS....
THEY SAVE SECONDS.**



SECONDS SAVE LIVES.

In the event of a fire, a smoke detector can save your life and your family. Install smoke detectors on every level of your home and outside all sleeping areas.



For added protection, because most fires start early in the morning or late at night, install smoke detectors inside bedrooms.

Smoke Detectors should be installed on the ceiling if possible because smoke rises. If you cannot reach the detector, they can be placed on the wall 4-12 inches from the ceiling.

Consider having smoke detectors installed by an electrician that are hard wired and interconnected. When one detector sounds, they all sound.

Maintaining Your Smoke Detectors

Smoke detectors are designed to be as maintenance free as possible. There are 3 simple steps to keeping your smoke detectors in good working order:

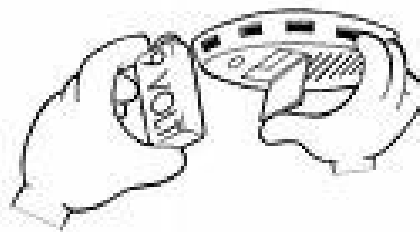
1. Clean your smoke detector every six months by gently vacuuming away the dust and dirt on the cover.



2. Test your smoke detector every month.



3. Replace the battery in your smoke detector every year or when your detector "chirps".



When choosing a smoke detector to purchase, make sure it is an UL listed detector.



Like most electrical devices, smoke detectors will wear out and should be replaced every ten years.



**And remember, if your smoke detectors sounds
get out fast.
Don't panic.
Call 911.**