

Time to check your Smoke Detectors

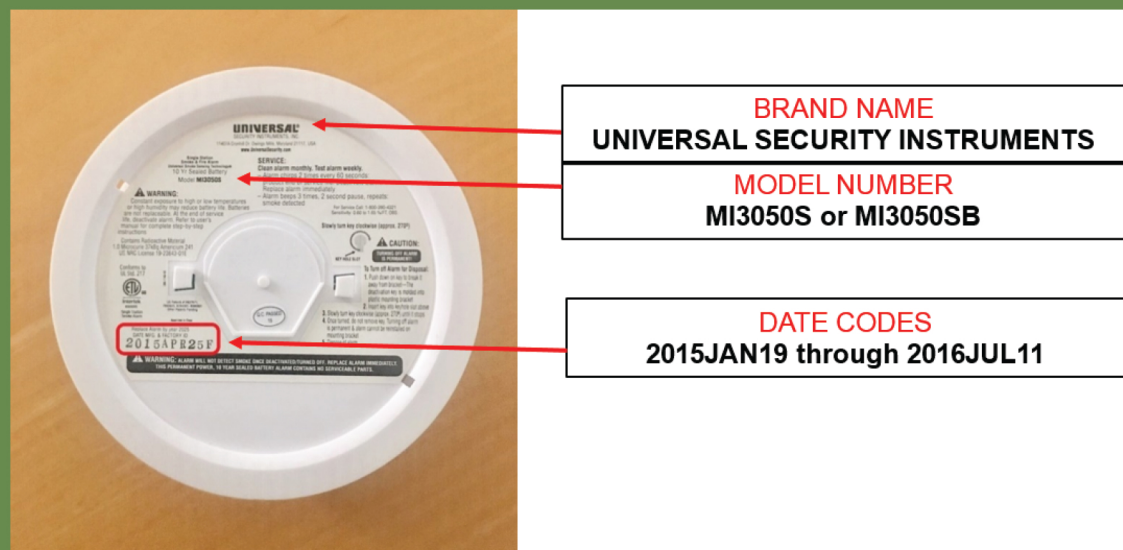


According to the NFPA, nearly three of every five home fire deaths resulted from fires in which no smoke alarm was present (41%) or at least one alarm was present but nonoperational (16%).

Smoke Detectors

Smoke alarms should be maintained according to manufacturer's instructions.

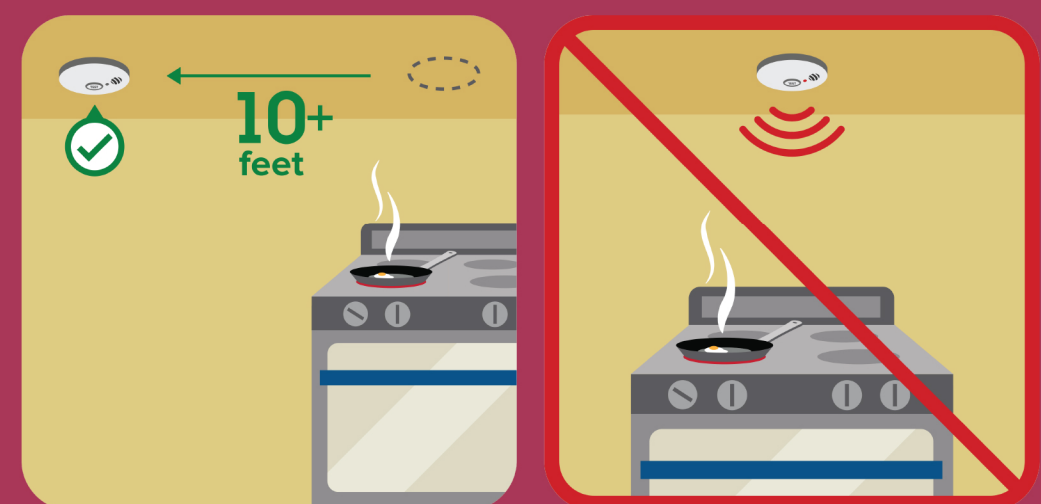
Check the manufacture date on your smoke detector. They should be replaced every 10 years.



Manufacturer's instructions are specific to the batteries (brand and model) that must be used. The smoke alarm may not work if the wrong battery is used.

Smoke alarm batteries must be replaced at least once a year. If the alarm chirps, warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.

Smoke alarms should be installed at least 10 feet from a cooking appliance to minimize false alarms when cooking.



Mount smoke alarms high on walls or ceilings (remember, smoke rises). Wall - mounted alarms should be installed not more than 12 inches away from the ceiling (to the top of the alarm).



Smoke detectors should be installed in every bedroom, outside of every sleeping area and on every level including basements.



Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.

