To Prevent Nuisance Alarms:

... clean the alarm following the manufacturer's instructions

... move the alarm away from the kitchen or bathroom

... get a different type of smoke alarm, like a photoelectric that's less sensitive to common causes of false alarms OR

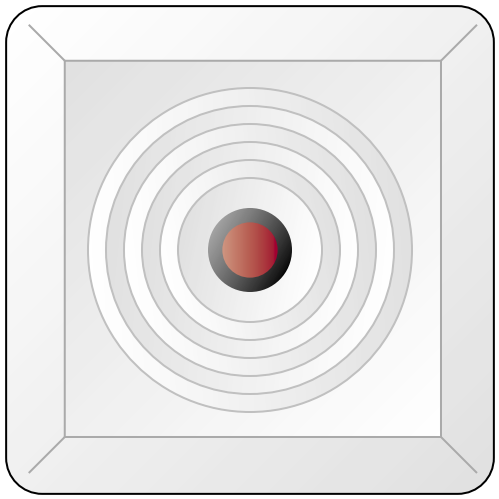
... choose a smoke alarm that has a silencing feature, so nuisance alarms can be stopped quickly and easily

Know How to Escape:

... always help those who need help

... plan your escape route and practice leaving your home

... decide one place outside where family members should meet



... Buy it!
... Take Care of It!
... Your Life May Depend on It!

To report a product hazard or a product-related injury, write to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207, call the toll-free hotline: 800-638-2772. A teletypewriter for the deaf is available on the following numbers: National 800-638-8270, Maryland only 800-492-8104.

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Smoke Alarms

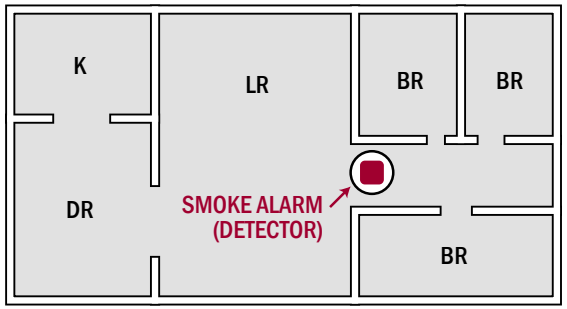
... warn you in time to escape from a fire

The Best Place for Your Smoke Alarms:

... outside the bedroom areas

... each level in the home

... in each sleeping room



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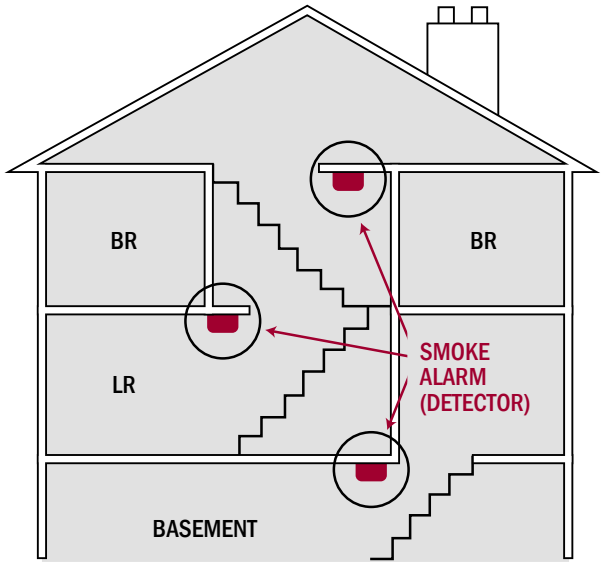
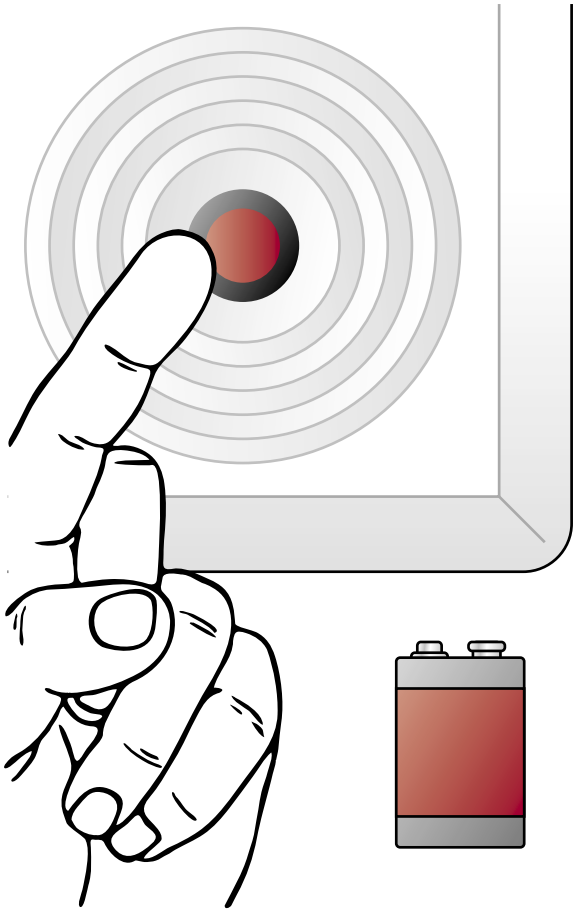


MULTI-STORY

Take Care of Them:

... test monthly

... replace batteries once a year
or
when they make a “chirping” sound