



# Alarm Your Home Safely & Completely!

## Smoke Alarms



- **WORKING** smoke alarms save lives by sounding when dangerous toxic smoke from fire is in your home, cabin, or camper.
- Save the lives of your family! Smoke alarms must be in every home and cabin; in every sleeping area, and on every level of the building. Because smoke and fire first travel UP, install smoke alarms 4-12” from the ceiling.
- Interconnected smoke alarms provide the best protection for you and your family. When one sounds, they all sound. Interconnected smoke alarms must have a battery for back up.
- Maintain all smoke alarms; vacuum away dust, don't paint the alarms, change batteries at least once each year, and use the PUSH TO TEST button to TEST the alarms each month.
- Smoke alarms do expire. Replace ALL smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.
- When the alarm sounds, everyone GET OUT to your meeting place, call 9-1-1, and STAY OUT! PLAN & PRACTICE family smoke alarm drills so you can all escape in a real emergency.

For more questions on smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms, Hands-Only-CPR, fire truck and station tours, proper use of a fire extinguisher, or other safety concerns, call 952-953-2609 or email [fire@applevalleyfire.org](mailto:fire@applevalleyfire.org).

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