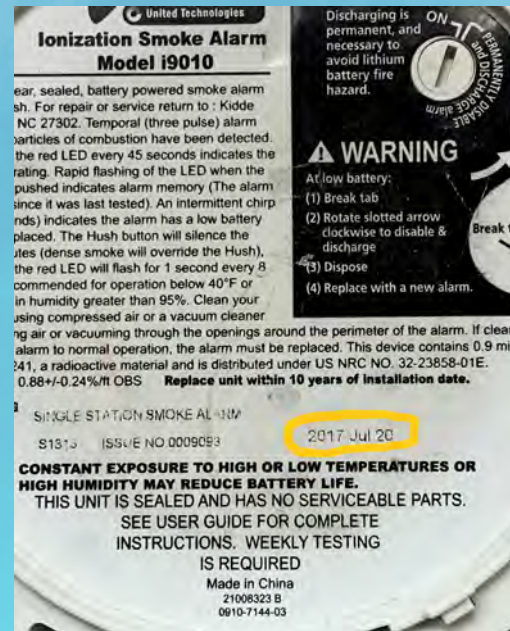




## MAINTAINING YOUR ALARMS

- Always save and follow the alarm manufacturer's instructions for testing and maintenance.
- Test alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.
- Smoke alarms with non-replaceable batteries are designed to work for 10 years. If the alarm "chirps," warning that the battery is low, replace the entire alarm.
- For smoke alarms with any other type of battery, replace batteries every 6 months. If the alarm "chirps," replace the battery right away.

- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or they do not respond properly when tested. Look on the back of the smoke alarm for the date.
- Immediately replace any smoke alarm that does not respond properly when tested.
- Replace combination sensor smoke/carbon monoxide alarms according to the manufacturer's instructions.



FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO [lasvegasfire.org](http://lasvegasfire.org)

If your home doesn't have working smoke alarms, we can help. Call 702.229.0366 to schedule an appointment.



# Las Vegas Fire & Rescue

## Home Smoke ALARMS





## NUISANCE ALARMS

- Smoke alarms should be installed at least 10 feet from a cooking appliance. Use a photoelectric alarm or ionization alarm with a “hush” button if the alarm to be placed between 10 and 20 feet of a cooking appliance.
- If cooking fumes set off nuisance alarms, either replace the alarm with one that has a “hush” button, which will temporarily reduce the alarms sensitivity for a short period of time, or install a photoelectric type of alarm.
- An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires, and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. Both types of detection alarms or combination photoelectric/ionization alarms, also known as dual-sensor alarms, should be installed in the home.



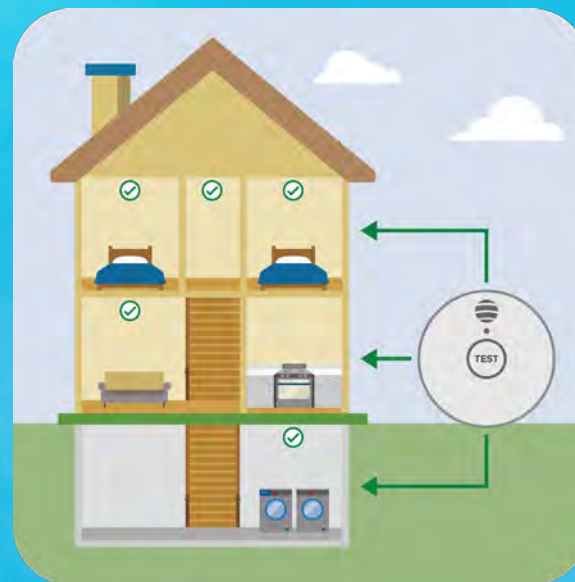
## CHOOSING YOUR ALARMS

- Make sure the smoke alarm has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Alarms that run on household current (*even if they include battery backup*) require installation by a qualified electrician.
- Alarms that run on just batteries can be installed by anyone.
- Smoke alarms and alert devices, called accessories, are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Go to [www.nfpa.org/safetytips](http://www.nfpa.org/safetytips) for more information.
- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, out-side each sleeping area, and on every level of the home (*including the basement*).
- For the best protection, interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Follow the manufacturer’s installation instructions



## WHEN THE SMOKE ALARM SOUNDS

- Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound of the smoke alarm, understands the warning, and knows how to respond.
- Some people, especially children and older adults, may need help to wake up. Make sure someone will wake them if the smoke alarm sounds.
- Get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place and call the fire department from outside the home.



## NFPA FAST FACTS

In half of the fires in which smoke alarms did not operate, the batteries had been removed or disconnected.

Roughly one in four smoke alarm failures is due to dead batteries.