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More than 1/2 of all home fires happen at night when people are sleeping. Smoke Detectors can reduce your chances of dying in a fire by half. Here are a few tips about smoke detectors.

*** Smoke Detectors should be placed in every level of your home and each sleeping area should have its own smoke detector.**

*** Smoke detectors should be mounted high, since smoke and heat rise.**

*** Smoke detectors need to be tested once per month.**

*** Use a broom handle to check smoke detectors that may be up too high to manually press.**

*** Smoke detector batteries need to be replaced twice each year, even if they have not been used!**

*** A good time to change batteries is when the time changes each year.**

*** NFPA, (National Fire Protection Association) suggests replacing the entire smoke detector unit every 10 years.**

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*** There are special smoke detectors for the hearing impaired that flash a strobe light and produce a sonic alarm that only animals and some hearing impaired individuals can distinguish.**

*** Never take the batteries out of your smoke detector for other household items. Over half of the home fires today that have working smoke detectors, did not have batteries.**

*** Most building codes today require hard wire smoke detectors that are connected to your home wiring system. These systems still need to have a battery back up system in the case of a power failure.**

*** When a smoke detector starts an annoying beeping sound every few minutes, it is trying to tell you that the batteries are going dead.**

<http://www.cpsc.gov/onsafety/2012/10/smoke-alarms-good-better-best/>



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