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How Smoke Alarms Work

"Hello! I am Marc."

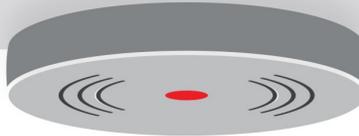
"And I am Maria!"

"We are firefighters."



"Smoke alarms are our friends."

They keep us safe when we are awake and when we sleep.



They make loud sounds if there is a fire.



Beep! Beep! Beep!

Parents

Did you know that smoke alarms can stop working?

You should test your smoke alarms every month to make sure they work. If they fail the test, you may need new batteries or a new alarm. Test the alarms in your home now to protect the ones you love!



**“Grab a grown-up and a pencil.
Let’s find the smoke alarms in your home.
Let’s go!”**

1. How many smoke alarms are in your home?

2. Is there a smoke alarm on every floor?

Yes No

3. Is there a smoke alarm in every bedroom and near other sleeping areas?

Yes No

Parents

Push the test button on each alarm. Does it make a loud sound when the button is pushed?

- YES** It works! Mark your calendar to test again next month.
- NO** Change the battery, or get a new smoke alarm.

Parents

Are the smoke alarms in your home in the right places?

- On all floors
- In all bedrooms
- Near other sleeping areas



Did you know that smoke alarms are not supposed to go in kitchens?

Place smoke alarms at least 10 feet from any cooking area to help prevent unwanted alarms while still protecting your family.



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