

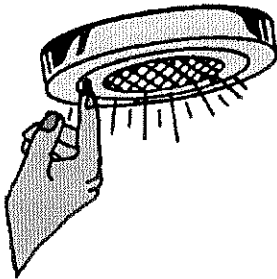
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If your  
**SMOKE DETECTOR**

Doesn't Work Properly  
The Silence...Could Be Deadly

**TEST**

Test your smoke detector at least once a month. Push the test button.



**CLEAN**

Clean your detector at least once a year. Dust with a vacuum cleaner.

**REPLACE**

Replace the battery each year. Use the battery type listed on the detector

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X In Ohio, there is a residential fire every half hour.

X Over 75% of fire deaths occur in residences.

X The installation of just one smoke detector doubles your chances of escaping a nighttime fire.

X When you purchase a smoke detector, be sure that it contains the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) label.

X UL requires that smoke detectors with its listing contain detailed instructions on installation and maintenance. These instructions should be followed closely.



If you have any questions contact:

Fire Prevention Division  
Sidney Dept of Fire & Emergency Services  
222 W. Poplar Street  
Sidney, OH 45365  
937/498-2346

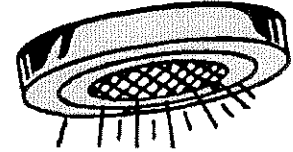
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Deputy Chief

**City of Sidney**

**SMOKE  
DETECTORS**

**SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES**



**Don't Stay Home  
Without One.**

Beginning January 1, 1998, owners of new and existing residential dwellings within the City of Sidney shall be required to install smoke detectors. Battery-operated are acceptable for existing homes. It is the responsibility of the occupants to maintain the detector in good working order. Failure to install or maintain smoke detectors may be subject to penalties.



When fire occurs in your home, your chances for survival are two times better when smoke detectors are present than when they are not.

Smoke detectors, when properly installed and maintained provide early warning when fires occur. Early warning increases your chances for survival and allows the fire department to save more of your property.

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## HELP SAVE YOUR LIFE, PROPERTY & LOVED ONES FROM FIRE:

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For your protection, install a smoke detector outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate proximity of the bedrooms and near each stairway leading up to an occupied area.

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For family units with split levels, a smoke detector should be placed outside each separate sleeping area and on every other floor level without an intervening door.

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**PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY EVERY DAY**

It is unlawful for an occupant or owner to remove or render a smoke detector inoperative.

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If your smoke detector sounds an alarm when no smoke is present, consult with the manufacturer or with your local fire department. If smoke from cooking materials causes the detector to sound an alarm, do not remove the batteries or disconnect the power source. Simply fan the smoke away from the detector until the alarm stops. If this happens frequently, it may be necessary to relocate the detector or to install a different type of detector.

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Develop an escape plan and review the plan with all members of the family frequently. Be aware that children and elderly people may need special assistance should fire occur. Establish a meeting place outside the house for all members of the family to insure that everyone got out safely.

When fire occurs, get out of the house and use a neighbor's telephone to notify the fire department.

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**PLAN FAMILY FIRE ESCAPE**



**ROUTES FOR EACH ROOM**