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FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Carbon Monoxide:

Working smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms save lives by quickly giving you and your loved ones an early warning signal that something is wrong. Fire spreads fast and [carbon monoxide](#) is a silent killer. Working alarms are the most critical component of your escape plan.

Alarms must be approved by Underwriters Laboratories ([look for a UL mark](#)) and have an audible end-of-life warning. All new and replacement smoke alarms should have a sealed 10-year battery that is non-replaceable and non-removable.

Have both a smoke alarm and a CO alarm (or a combination smoke/carbon monoxide alarm). One type of alarm is not a substitute for the other.

If your alarm still uses removable batteries, be sure to change them twice a year. A great reminder is changing batteries on days clocks are changed for daylight saving time. Replace these alarms with ones that contain sealed 10-year batteries as soon as possible.

Alarm Maintenance

Test your alarms regularly by pressing the test button.

Replace alarms every 10 years or when the alarm signals that it has reached the end of life and needs to be replaced.

Keep alarms clean by regularly dusting or vacuuming.

When an Alarm Sounds

If a CO alarm sounds, you and your family should get out immediately and [call 911](#).

If a smoke alarm sounds, be sure to follow your [escape plan](#).