

# Collaborative Healthcare Urgency Group

A.R.M.E.D. TIP SHEET

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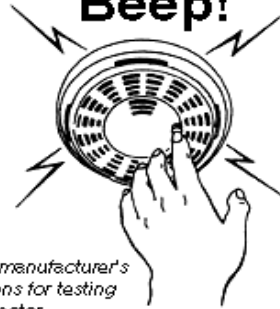
## Smoke Detectors

### Detector Checklist

- At least one smoke detector is located on every floor of my home.
- Smoke detectors are placed near bedrooms, either on the ceiling or 6-12 inches below the ceiling on the wall.
- Smoke detectors are tested according to manufacturer's instructions on a regular basis (at least once a month) and are kept in working condition at all times.
- Batteries are replaced according to manufacturer's instructions, at least annually.
- Batteries are never disconnected.
- The detector has a distinct warning signal that can be heard whether asleep or awake.

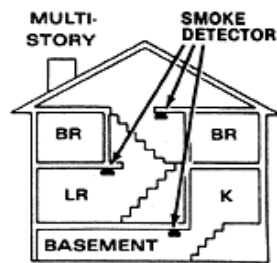
TEST YOUR DETECTOR MONTHLY

**Beep!**

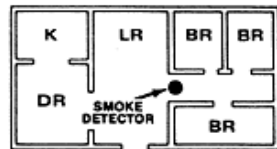


Follow manufacturer's directions for testing the detector.

**PLACE ONE DETECTOR ON EVERY FLOOR**



**SINGLE LEVEL**



*inches below the ceiling on the wall. Locate smoke detectors away from air vents or registers; high air flow or "dead" spots are to be avoided.*



**SMOKE  
DETECTORS SAVE  
LIVES!**

### Recommendations:

Purchase a smoke detector if you do not have one. Smoke detectors are inexpensive and are required by law in many localities. Check local codes and regulations before you buy your smoke detector because some codes require specific types of detectors. They provide an early warning which is critical because the longer the delay, the deadlier the consequences.

Read the instructions that come with the detector for advice on the best place to install it. As a minimum detectors should be located near bedrooms and one on every floor.

Follow the manufacturer's instructions for proper maintenance. Smoke detectors can save lives, but only if properly installed and maintained.

Never disconnect a detector. Consider relocating the detector rather than disconnecting it if it is subject to nuisance alarms, e.g. from cooking.

Replace the battery annually, or when a "chirping" sound is heard.

Follow the manufacturer's instructions about cleaning your detector. Excessive dust, grease or other material in the detector may cause it to operate abnormally. Vacuum the grill work of your detector.