

For the year of

2023

# GOT ALARMS ?

## How Old Are they? and Are They Working?



**Working smoke & CO alarms save lives, cutting the risk of dying in a home fire in half. Smoke & CO alarms should be installed and maintained in every home.**

If you don't have working smoke alarms, contact your local fire department, the American Red Cross, or the Fire Safe 802 program.

Smoke alarms with nonreplaceable (long-life) batteries are designed to remain effective for up to 10 years. If the alarm chirps, warning that the battery is low, replace the entire smoke alarm right away.

For smoke alarms that do not have nonreplaceable (long-life) batteries, replace batteries at least once a year. If the alarm chirps, replace only the battery.

Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

Install and maintain carbon monoxide alarms (CO) outside each separate sleeping area, on every level of the home, and in other locations as required by laws, codes, or standards. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.

Know the difference between the sound of the carbon monoxide (CO) alarm and the smoke alarm, and the low-battery signals.



IF THEY WERE BOUGHT BEFORE THIS DAY IN **2013**

Every 10 years

**Replace your smoke alarms**

**Fire Safety**



IF THEY WERE BOUGHT BEFORE THIS DAY IN **2016**

Every 7-10 years

**Replace your carbon monoxide alarms**

**Fire Safety**



IF THEY WERE BOUGHT BEFORE THIS DAY IN **2011**

Every 12 years

**Replace your fire extinguishers**

**Fire Safety**

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