

Smoke Detector Maintenance Tips:

While smoke alarms are fairly low-maintenance, they cannot be completely ignored. Use these tips to keep them sharp:



- Test smoke detectors every month by pressing and holding the test button in.



- Vacuum alarm covers at least twice a year to remove dust. Dirty units are a big contributor to faulty alarms



- Replace batteries every six months or at least once a year unless you use the long-life kind. Units usually have slide out or dropdown compartments or lids for the batteries and most take 9 volt batteries but not all.

- Avoid using long-life batteries in older smoke alarms as they could render them inoperable.
- At the end of the long-life batteries life it is usually time to replace the detector.
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years. After 10 years, they have a 30 percent failure rate

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