



LOOK UP!

Test Your Smoke Alarm

Each year in the United States, nearly 4,000 people die in fires. Do you know where 80% of these fire deaths occur? They occur where you should feel the safest – **AT HOME.**

Make sure you have a working smoke alarm in the room where you sleep, outside the bedrooms and one on each additional floor.

A smoke alarm won't wake you up if it doesn't work. Never remove the battery or the power source. Test all alarms once each month by pressing the "test" button – and change your batteries when you change your clock.

If the alarm sounds accidentally, such as from steam from the shower or smoke from cooking – silence the alarm by pressing the "hush" button on the alarm. You can also open a window to the outside and fan your alarm with a magazine or newspaper.

If the alarm beeps intermittently, such as one beep every few minutes – this usually indicates a low battery. Keep a fresh supply of batteries on hand in case this occurs. Newer alarms will allow this signal to be hushed temporarily until you have time to get new batteries.

Attention Tenants: If you rent in the Centre Region, your landlord is required to provide working smoke alarms in all locations mentioned above. At the time of move in, you will be provided with a certificate stating that all of the alarms are working. Test the alarms to verify that the alarms work – and then sign this form and return it to the landlord. After you move in, you are required to maintain these alarms. If the batteries need changed or if the alarm malfunctions – notify your landlord immediately. Some alarms are designed to make it difficult to remove from the wall or ceiling – removing the alarm can cause it to break. You will be responsible for any damages.

Tampering with a smoke alarm is illegal. If you tamper with a smoke alarm – or make the unit inoperable you will receive a fine of at least \$150.00.

For more information please contact the Centre Region Code Administration at (814) 238-CODE or on our web page – www.centreregioncode.org.