

# SMOKE DETECTORS

## GENERAL INFORMATION

If your detector begins to emit "beeps" every minute or so and continues to beep up to a week or longer, that means the battery has begun to fall below the safe minimum of power and should be replaced. The newer models may have a long life battery that will last up to 10 years.

There are also some newer models that are considered "tamper proof" and contain a battery this is sealed in the detector. The tamper proof models have a life expectancy of approximately 10 years and will require full replacement once the battery is out of power.

Here are some important tips:

1. It is extremely important to regularly test and clean all detectors. Please follow manufacturer's instructions on how to clean and test your detector.
2. Replace batteries in battery-operated units once a year or in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.
3. Teach everyone in your house to leave working batteries in smoke batteries and not to use them elsewhere.
4. Do not paint the smoke detector units.
5. Cobwebs and dust can impair a detector's sensitivity. Most units should be vacuumed at least once a year.

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