

## Smoke Alarms

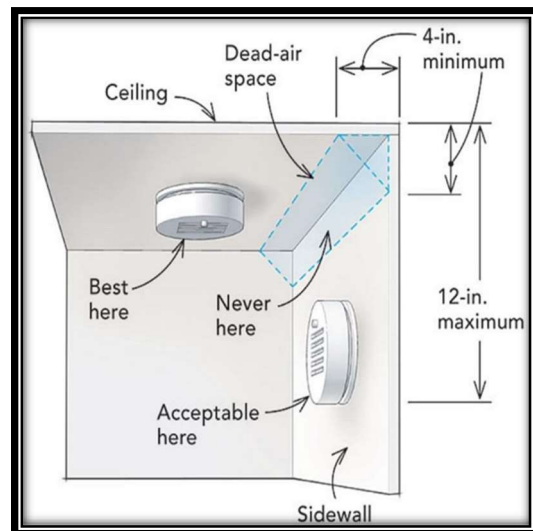
### Smoke alarms should be:

- ☐ Installed on every level of the home,
- ☐ Installed both inside and outside sleeping areas,
- ☐ Tested monthly, and
- ☐ Less than 10 years old.

### Where to install?

Smoke alarms should be installed on the ceiling or wall, with the following recommendations:

- Mount toward the middle of the ceiling, no closer than four inches away from the wall.
- If installing on the wall, install between four and 12 inches from the top of the wall.



### How can I tell the age of an alarm?

The date of manufacture can be found on the back of a smoke alarm. If the date is missing or unreadable, replace the alarm. Ten-year, long-life battery smoke alarms do not require battery changes but the alarm should be replaced after 10 years. For alarms with replaceable batteries, batteries should be replaced annually and the alarm should also be replaced after 10 years.

### How do I ensure proper activation and avoid nuisance alarms?

- Install alarms at least 10 feet from cooking appliances.
- Install alarms at least three feet away from a bathroom and air registers.
- Avoid installing alarms near windows with a draft.
- Do not install in a garage or on an uninsulated exterior wall/ceiling.
- Consider installing photoelectric smoke alarms near the kitchen and bathrooms to reduce nuisance alarms.

## Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms

### CO alarms should be:

- ☐ Installed on every level of the home,
- ☐ Installed outside sleeping areas,
- ☐ Tested each month, and
- ☐ Less than 10 years old.

### Where to install?

Carbon Monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas coming from fuel-burning appliances. CO alarms should be installed with the following recommendations:

- Install approximately five feet from the floor away from children and pets.
- Avoid installing near fireplaces and other flame-producing appliances.

