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# How Smoke Alarms Work

"Hello! I am Marc."

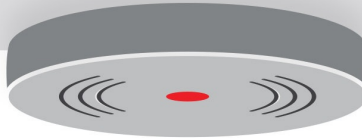
"And I am Maria!"

**"We are firefighters."**



**"Smoke alarms are our friends."**

They keep us safe when we are awake and when we sleep.



They make loud sounds if there is a fire.



**Beep! Beep! Beep!**

## Parents

**Did you know that smoke alarms can stop working?**

You should test your smoke alarms every month to make sure they work. If they fail the test, you may need new batteries or a new alarm. Test the alarms in your home now to protect the ones you love!



**“Grab a grown-up and a pencil.  
Let’s find the smoke alarms in your home.  
Let’s go!”**

1. How many smoke alarms are in your home?

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2. Is there a smoke alarm on every floor?

Yes  No

3. Is there a smoke alarm in every bedroom and near other sleeping areas?

Yes  No

## Parents

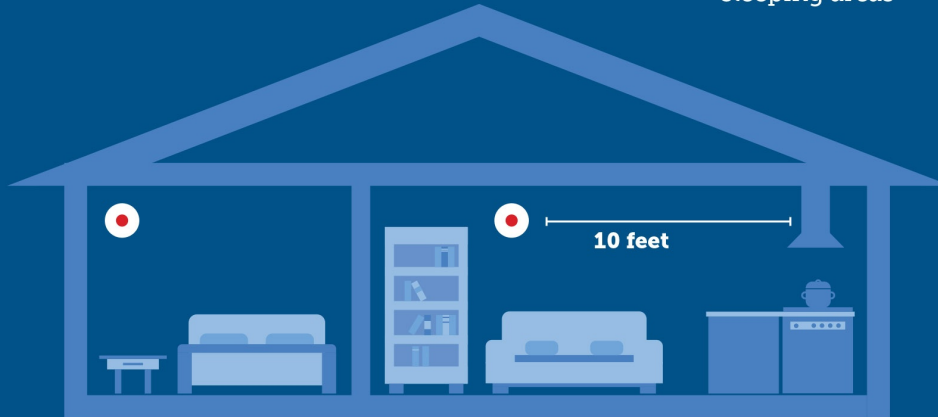
Push the test button on each alarm. Does it make a loud sound when the button is pushed?

- YES** It works! Mark your calendar to test again next month.
- NO** Change the battery, or get a new smoke alarm.

## Parents

Are the smoke alarms in your home in the right places?

- On all floors
- In all bedrooms
- Near other sleeping areas



**Did you know that smoke alarms are not supposed to go in kitchens?**

Place smoke alarms at least 10 feet from any cooking area to help prevent unwanted alarms while still protecting your family.



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