

Aging Smoke Alarms

Disconnected. No battery. Removed from ceiling or wall. Dead battery. Dirty. The list of smoke alarm failure modes is familiar to anyone in the fire service or code enforcement. Now, add another concern: smoke alarms that have exceeded their useful lives.

This week's Coffee Break Training, "Aging Smoke Alarms," explains how to read date codes to verify that a smoke alarm is still within its anticipated operational "life." Today's topic can be downloaded from:

<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/downloads/pdf/coffee-break/cb-2007-13.pdf>

Always refer to the product manufacturer or listing details for specific information.

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