NEW YORK STATE

Homeland Security and Emergency Services
Office of Fire Prevention and Control

Smoke Alarm and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Safety List

Where Should Alarms be?

Smoke Alarm

- Inside ***every*** bedroom
- Outside ***every*** sleeping area
- On ***every*** level of your home, including the basement.

Carbon Monoxide Alarm

- Outside sleeping areas (within 15 ft)
- On ***every*** level of the home
- Near fuel burning appliance (furnace, water heater, fireplace)
- Do not install near Vents, Flues, or Chimneys

PRESS THE TEST BUTTON EVERY MONTH

you should hear the alarms

- If your alarm has a sealed 10-year battery, replace entire alarm when it chirps or reaches 10 years old.
- Keep alarms free of dust and paint.

For traditional smoke alarms with replaceable batteries (such as a 9-volt battery), replace the batteries at least once a year. When the alarm chirps to indicate a low battery, replace the battery immediately–never remove it to silence the noise, since a disabled alarm cannot protect you during a fire.