




Smoke Detectors


When was the last time the smoke detectors for your organization were tested? Cleaned? Batteries replaced? Carbon monoxide and smoke detectors are a vital part of building protection and life safety measures.

Here are a few safety tips to make sure your detectors are working properly.

 Test all detectors once a month per the manufacturer's recommendation and keep a log of your testing.

 Replace the batteries every 6 months and use a permanent marker to make note of the installation date on the battery.



 Use a soft brush vacuum attachment to clean dust and dirt out of the detector.

 Detectors don't last forever! Replace your CO & smoke detectors every 10 years. If you are unsure about the age of the detector, don't take the chance and replace it! The manufacturer's date on the back should also help you identify the age.



If your detector is making a chirping noise, that means that your battery is getting low and needs to be changed, not disconnected!

The placement of smoke detectors around your organization is also important.

-  Detectors should be placed in high traffic areas, inside each room people occupy, stairwells, and gathering rooms.
-  If you experience false alarms and are sure the batteries are good, check the location to see if the placement should be adjusted.

Fall Back or Spring Ahead, any time you change your clocks, make it a habit to change the batteries too!

