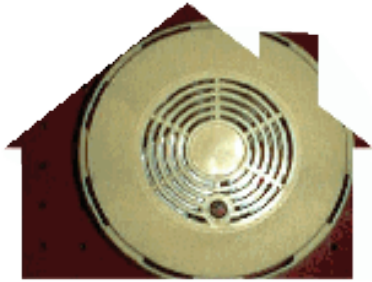


# EARLY DETECTION IS YOUR BEST PROTECTION INSTALL SMOKE DETECTORS



**SHOULD WE HAVE SMOKE DETECTORS ?** If you're not certain, maybe you share some of the misconceptions that make Americans underestimate the danger of death from night-time fires. For example:

**"THE SMELL OF SMOKE WOULD WAKE ME"** It might, if acrid smelling smoke were the only thing produced by a household fire. Unfortunately, many home fires smolder slowly for hours before they burst into open flames. And while this incomplete combustion is taking place, large quantities of toxic gases, including carbon monoxide, are produced. Carbon monoxide is the same odorless, tasteless and colorless gas that causes death when people breathe automobile

exhausts in a closed garage or because of a leak in a car's muffler. If you're awake, you may feel a headache and dizziness — possibly some nausea. If you're asleep when the gas enters your room, you probably will never wake up.

**"THERE'S USUALLY PLENTY OF TIME TO GET OUT"** Possibly, IF you're awake and IF you have time to round up the family and IF none of them inhaled too much smoke or carbon monoxide before you woke up. The spread of toxic gases long before flames become visible and noisy may not give you enough time.

**"FIRES ONLY HAPPEN TO OTHER PEOPLE"** This is perhaps the most dangerous idea of all. And it's probably just what all those "other people" thought before their fire occurred.

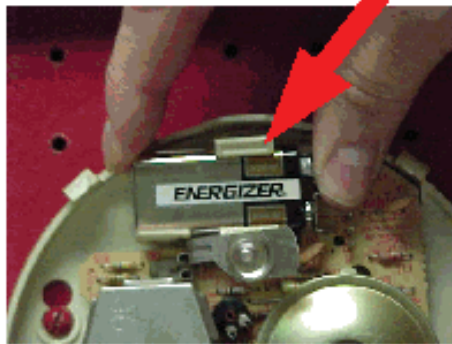
**"WELL JUST HOW EFFECTIVE ARE THEY ?"** They won't prevent fires, they won't put the fire out for you, but they **WILL** increase your chances of getting up, getting out, and calling the Fire Dept.

**"HOW DO WE TAKE CARE OF IT"** Smoke detectors are tough — they don't need much attention except for regular testing and prompt replacement of batteries. But neglect these few requirements, and your detector won't be able to do its job if the critical moment of a fire ever comes. **AT LEAST ONCE EVERY MONTH** test your smoke detector and replace the batteries at least once a year. The best time to replace your detectors batteries is when you change your clocks to day light savings time. **Change your clock change your batteries.**

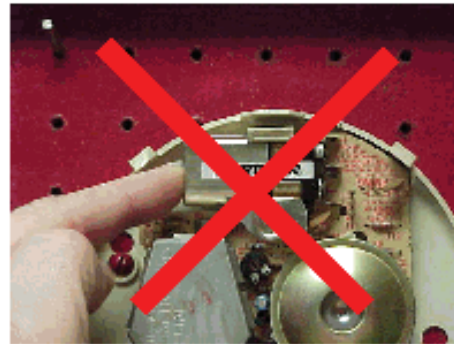
When changing the battery in your smoke detector make sure that the battery is installed properly.

We have found many instances where the battery was not engaged all the way and is not making proper contact. When this happens it's the same as having no detector at all. Make sure that the battery snaps in all the way. If not the battery may back out **as in the picture to the left** making the detector useless.

The below pictures indicate the correct and incorrect way to install your battery. Make sure that the battery snaps into the terminals



**CORRECT**



**INCORRECT**

**"HOW MANY SMOKE DETECTORS DO WE NEED ?"** Preferably at least one on every level of your home but one detector gives more protection than no detector. If you sleep with your bedroom door closed, you will need a detector in that room also.

**ALWAYS REMEMBER NO MATTER HOW MANY SMOKE DETECTORS THAT YOU HAVE YOU STILL MUST HAVE A HOME ESCAPE PLAN THAT YOU HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT AHEAD OF TIME SO EVERYONE IN YOUR FAMILY WILL KNOW EXACTLY WHAT TO DO WHEN THE SMOKE DETECTOR ACTIVATES.**

