

**A FIRE SAFETY MESSAGE FROM  
THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF FIRE  
SAFETY AND YOUR LOCAL FIRE SERVICE**

**WHAT ABOUT NUISANCE ALARMS?**

Purchase a smoke alarm with a silencing mode, so that it can be stopped quickly and easily.

Move it away from the kitchen or bathroom

Choose a different type of smoke alarm. A photoelectric alarm is less likely to produce a false alarm owed to common causes.

**WHAT ABOUT RESIDENTIAL  
SPRINKLERS?**

Smoke alarms are the first line of defense against residential fires.

Residential sprinklers however have proven to be the most effective defense against life and property loss from fire.



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## FIRE SAFETY FACTS

### WHY DO I NEED A SMOKE ALARM?

You need a smoke alarm only if you care for yourself and your family. Properly placed and maintained smoke alarms will provide you and your family a critical advance warning.

### WHAT TYPE I NEEDED?

There are three types PHOTO ELECTRIC, IONIZATION and DUAL SENSOR. Each alarm will respond differently depending on the nature of the fire. The Consumer Product Safety Commission and the US Fire Administration recommend the DUAL SENSOR for optimal response.

### WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

The most important thing after you purchase and install your smoke alarms is to maintain them. A non-working alarm is about as effective as *not* having an alarm. Change your batteries at the annual time changes or whenever it "chirps" a low battery signal. Press the test button every so often to make sure it is working.

# SMOKE ALARMS: WHERE TO PLACE THEM IN YOUR HOME OR APARTMENT...



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