

# Home Safety



## Tips

### **SMOKE ALARM DON'Ts**

- ⊗ Don't install alarms in kitchens, bathrooms or garages---where nuisance alarms go off routinely
- ⊗ Don't mount an alarm near a window, outside door or forced-air register

### **SMOKE ALARM DOs**

- ✓ Test your smoke alarm monthly
- ✓ Install new batteries when you set the clocks back in the fall
- ✓ Replace any alarm more than 10 years old

Install smoke alarms on every floor of your home; outside each separate sleeping area and inside all sleeping rooms. It is recommended that alarms be wired together so when one sounds, they all sound.

On floors without bedrooms, install alarms near the stairway leading to the floor above, in our near dens, living rooms, family rooms and other living areas

### **SMOKE ALARM INSTALLATION:**

Smoke rises. Mount alarms high on a wall or on the ceiling (follow the manufacturer's specifications)

- **Wall mounting:** Position the top of the alarm 4 to 12 inches (10 to 30 cm) from the ceiling (smoke alarm must be listed for this application).
- **Ceiling mounting:** Position alarm at least 4 inches (10 cm) away from the nearest wall. Position alarms within 3 feet of the door inside the bedroom.
- **Pitched ceiling mounting:** Mount the alarm at or near the ceiling's highest point.

In open stairways (no doors at top or bottom): Mount alarm anywhere along the path smoke would travel up the stairs.

In closed stairways (a door at either end): Mount alarm at the bottom of the stairway.

### **Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors**

Install CO detectors on the outside of those sleeping areas in the immediate vicinity of bedrooms where fuel-fired appliances are installed or there is an attached garage.

The CO detectors can be in combination with smoke alarms (called dual sensing smoke and CO alarms).

