

UNIT 4 – SMOKE ALARMS

Smoke Alarms

When you are asleep you lose your sense of smell. A smoke alarm is your electronic nose! It will alert you if there is smoke from a fire. You will have time to escape.



You must have at least one smoke alarm on every level of your home. It is the law!

Smoke alarms should be installed on the ceiling at least 30 centimetres from the walls. They should be in all living areas, hallways and bedrooms,

Your smoke alarm is only good if it is working! Test it every month to make sure the battery is not flat. Push the button and wait for the ‘beep, beep’.

If you have a smoke alarm with a 9-volt battery, replace the battery every year. Dust around the outside cover of your smoke alarm at least once a year.

All smoke alarms need to be replaced every ten years. Install smoke alarms with a 10 year long-life battery.

Only working smoke alarms save lives!

Read *Smoke Alarms*. Read the sentences below and highlight True or False.

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|--|------|-------|
| a. When you are asleep you can still smell smoke. | True | False |
| b. A smoke alarm is like an electronic nose. | True | False |
| c. Every home must have at least one smoke alarm | True | False |
| d. I should test my smoke alarm every month. | True | False |
| e. Working smoke alarms save lives. | True | False |
| f. Smoke alarms never need to be replaced. | True | False |
| g. Smoke alarms with a 9-volt battery should have
the battery changed every year. | True | False |

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VOCABULARY

Complete each paragraph using the words in the box.

a. Why should I have a smoke alarm?

nose asleep smoke escape alert alarm

When you are _____ you lose your sense of smell. A smoke _____ is your electronic _____. It will _____ you if there is _____ from a fire. You will have time to _____.



b. Where do I put my smoke alarms?

home bedrooms installed ceiling centimetres

Smoke alarms should be installed on the _____ at least 30 _____ from the wall. They must be on each level of your _____. It is a good idea to have smoke alarms _____ in all living areas, hallways and _____,

c. Why should I test my smoke alarm?

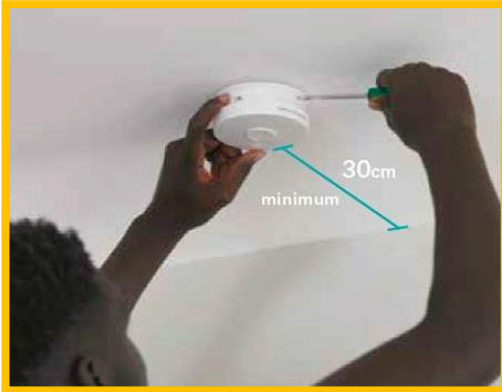
works smoke battery lives button beep

Your _____ alarm is only good if it _____. Test it to make sure the _____ is not flat. Push the _____ and wait for the 'beep, _____, beep'. Only working smoke alarms save _____.

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MATCHING WORDS AND PICTURES

Match the sentences to the correct picture. The first one is done for you.



All smoke alarms need to be replaced **EVERY TEN YEARS**. Install smoke alarms with a 10 year long-life battery.



If you have a smoke alarm with a 9-volt battery, replace the battery **EVERY YEAR**



Smoke alarms should be installed on the ceiling at least 30cm from the wall.



Test your smoke alarm by pressing the test button **EVERY MONTH**

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SENTENCE STRUCTURE



Match the start of a sentence from Group A with the end of a sentence in Group B. One is done for you.

A

B

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| 1. A smoke alarm will give you and your family | install smoke alarms with a 10 year long-life battery. |
| 2. Smoke alarms should be installed | push the test button with the end of a broom handle. |
| 3. When you replace your smoke alarms | replace the battery every year. |
| 4. If you have a smoke alarm with a 9-volt battery | in all living areas, hallways and bedrooms |
| 5. If you can't reach the smoke alarm to test it each month | more time to escape from your home if you have a fire. |

Write the complete sentences.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

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Only *Working* Smoke Alarms Save Lives

It happened at about 6 o'clock one evening.

A lady was looking out through her kitchen window. She saw smoke coming from a window of the unit next door. She was worried so she phoned 000 (Triple Zero).

The emergency call taker asked her which emergency service she required. He then asked her for the address of the unit.

The fire trucks were on the way very quickly.



The firefighters arrived in the street 4 minutes later. The neighbour was waiting outside. She waved them down.

There was a lot of smoke coming from a window of the unit. The neighbour was unsure if anyone was inside.

The firefighters rushed inside to search the smoky unit.

They found two young men asleep on chairs in the lounge room. The smoke alarm in the unit was not working. The firefighters woke the two men and helped them outside to the fresh air. They were both coughing and covering their eyes. There was lots of smoke.

One of the men, Matthew, had left food cooking in a pot on the kitchen stove and had fallen asleep. The food had got too hot and started to burn.

The two men would have woken and escaped earlier if the unit had a working smoke alarm. They were lucky their neighbour had phoned 000 (Triple Zero) quickly.

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VOCABULARY



1. Read '*Only Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives*'.

important
exact

waited
extinguished

worried

2. Complete the sentences with the words above.

- a. The lady was _____ when she saw smoke coming from the unit next door.
- b. It is _____ to know what to do in a fire emergency.
- c. The neighbour told the call taker the _____ address of the unit on fire.
- d. She called 000 (Triple Zero) and then _____ outside and waved down the firefighters.
- e. The firefighters rescued the two men and then _____ the fire.

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COMPREHENSION

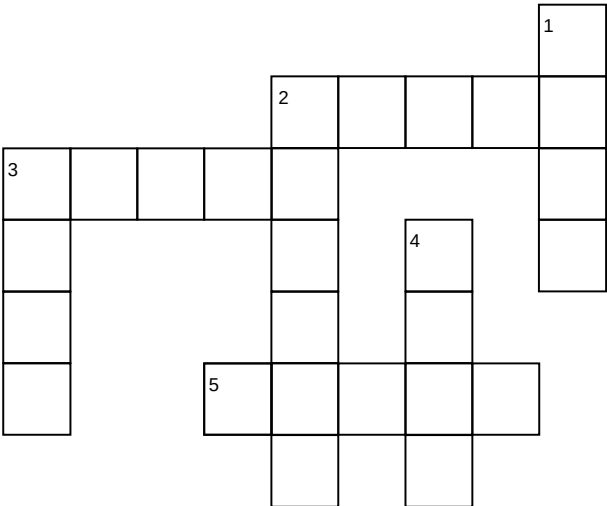
1. Read *‘Only Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives’*.
Number the sentences in the correct order. The first one is done for you.

- The firefighters arrived and rescued the two men.
- A lady saw smoke coming from the unit next door.
- The firefighters extinguished the fire.
- The lady rang 000 (Triple Zero) and asked for the fire brigade.
- The lady waited for the fire brigade

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2. Complete the crossword using words from the box.

fire	smoke	alert	safe	phone	meet	people
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Across

- 2. Make a call
- 3. Grey particles in the air
- 5. Warn someone of danger

Down

- 1. Get together
- 2. Men, women and children
- 3. Protected from danger
- 4. Burning with light and heat