

Washington Township Smoke Alarm Installation Guide

Locations to install alarms

- One in every bedroom.
- Common areas between bedrooms (hallways, entryways, or nooks).
- One on every level of home including basement.
- Not outside bathrooms or kitchen where steam or cooking fumes could trigger alarm activation.
- Don't install smoke alarms near windows, doors or ducts where drafts might interfere with their operation.
- All alarms should be installed high on the wall (4-12 inches from ceiling) or on the ceiling (4 inches from wall). Do not install in dead air spaces.
- Fill out completely the smoke alarm installation form. Return paperwork to station 1.

These are key points to explain to the residents for proper cleaning and maintenance.

Common reasons for alarm failure

- Missing or disconnected battery
- Dead or discharged battery
- Lack of cleaning
- Defective unit
- Improper placement
- Hardwire failure or shortage

Give Homeowner Instructions on maintaining alarm

- Clean and test monthly. (Show & make occupant test alarm)
- Never paint smoke alarms. Paint, sticker, or other decorations could cause the alarms to malfunction.
- Leave instructions that came with smoke alarm