

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 the home, including the basement

- ✚ **DO NOT** 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 the ceiling or on the ceiling, 4 inches from the wall.
- ✚ **DO NOT** install in dead air spaces

Common reasons for alarm failure

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

Homeowner's responsibility

- Clean and test monthly
- Never paint smoke alarms – paint, stickers, or other decorations could cause the alarms to malfunction
- Completely fill out the smoke alarm installation form and return to Fire Station #1