

Safety

CO/SMOKE DETECTOR COMBO

Your combo carbon monoxide/smoke detectors are designed to alert you to the possible presence of smoke or carbon monoxide in your home. The average life of the lamp in a detector is six years. Your detectors are hard-wired (connected to an electricity source), with a battery backup

What is Carbon Monoxide?

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) defines carbon monoxide (CO) as “a colorless, practically odorless, and tasteless gas.” It results from incomplete oxidation of carbon in combustion in gas appliances and fireplaces, and can be a serious health hazard. Regular inspection and maintenance of your gas appliances can help minimize the risks of carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon monoxide detectors alert you if carbon monoxide in your home reaches unsafe levels. Regular inspections and maintenance are important in ensuring that your CO detector works properly at all times.



CO/Smoke Detector

Important Information

- **Batteries and Lamp Replacement.** In battery-operated models, an automatic pulsing alarm is a “trouble call” that indicates the need for a lamp or battery replacement. Lamps and batteries are available at local hardware stores and home centers.

- **Test Your Detectors.** Test your detector regularly by pressing the test button on the outer cover. The alarm will sound if the detector is working properly.
- **Check with the Manufacturer.** Consult the manufacturer's documentation for guidelines specific to the system and model installed in your home. In the event that the recommendations in this guide conflict with those of the manufacturer, the manufacturer's recommendations prevail.
- **Do Not Move or Disable Detectors.** Your CO/smoke detectors are installed in specific locations to meet local and state building code requirements and should not be moved or painted. Never disconnect or remove the batteries from your detectors or leave them disabled in any way.

Recommended Maintenance Tasks	Frequency
Replace the batteries in your carbon monoxide detector. Refer to your owner's manual for the correct battery type; an incorrect battery may have a detrimental effect on the alarm.	Twice per year
Clean the detectors per the manufacturer's recommendations.	Periodically

Effects of Deferred Maintenance

Deferred maintenance to your carbon monoxide detector could lead to serious health hazards in the event your family is not alerted to a potential danger.

SMOKE DETECTORS

Your smoke detectors are designed to alert you to the possible presence of smoke in your home. The average life of the lamp in a smoke detector is six years. Your smoke detectors are hard-wired (connected to an electricity source), with a battery backup.



Smoke Detector

Important Information

- **Test Your Detectors.** Test your smoke detectors by pressing the test button on the outer cover. The alarm will sound if the detector is working properly.
- **Batteries and Lamp Replacement.** An automatic pulsing alarm is a “trouble call” that indicates the need for a lamp or battery replacement (in battery-operated models). Lamps and batteries are available at local hardware stores and home centers.
- **Refer to the Manufacturer’s Documentation.** Some smoke detectors are hard-wired to your home’s electrical system, while others are battery-operated. Refer to the manufacturer’s information to determine which type is installed in your home, and what maintenance is necessary.
- **Do Not Move or Disable Smoke Detectors.** Smoke detectors are installed in specific locations to meet local and state building code requirements and should not be moved or painted. Never disconnect or remove the batteries from your smoke detector or leave it disabled in any way.

Recommended Maintenance Tasks	Frequency
Test all smoke detectors in your home.	Twice per year
Replace the batteries (if applicable).	As needed

Effects of Deferred Maintenance

Deferred maintenance to your smoke detector could lead to serious damage to your home, and injury or death in the event your family is not alerted to a potential danger.