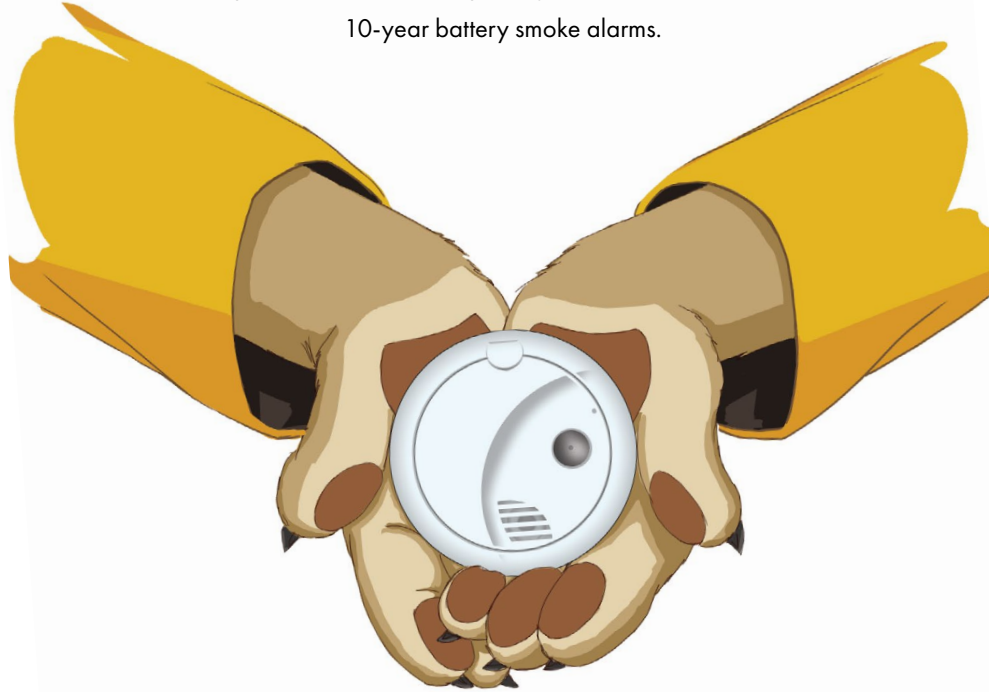


Smoke Alarms

In California, smoke alarms are required in all homes. Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home. This includes basements and habitable attics. Larger homes may require additional smoke alarms to provide a minimum level of protection. Consider replacing older smoke alarms with new 10-year battery smoke alarms.



TIPS

- ✓ Prepare a home escape plan.
- ✓ Install and maintain smoke alarms.
- ✓ Practice home escape plans regularly.
- ✓ Examine your home for fire hazards and take steps to prevent a fire before it occurs.

Advanced planning will ensure that you are ready for any fire emergency and can provide you and your loved ones peace of mind.

Learn more on fire safety education at: www.fire.ca.gov

HOME ESCAPE PLANS



Home Escape Plans can help people prepare for an emergency. Most home fires occur at night, when people are the least prepared.

Your ability to get out of your home during an emergency depends on advance warning from smoke alarms and advance planning. Fire can spread rapidly through your home, leaving you as little as one or two minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds.



Safety Starts With You! 

How to Design Your HOME ESCAPE PLAN

- 1** To design your own home escape plan, sketch the floor plan of your home on a piece of paper.
- 2** Indicate on the plan all doors, windows and other areas from which you could escape from each room in your home.
- 3** Draw arrows to indicate the normal exits which would be your primary escape route.
- 4** With an alternate color, draw arrows to indicate a secondary exit from each room in the home.



Practice, Practice, Practice

Your home escape plan may look great on paper, but does it really work? Practicing your home escape plan regularly will allow you to test the plan and make adjustments as needed. When practicing your home escape plan, remember to use alternate escape routes as well. Children should be closely supervised during drills in the home and no one should take unnecessary chances.

