



# Topic: Smoke Alarms

*Every year thousands of people lose their lives over lack of a simple 9-volt battery. Make sure all the smoke detectors in your home have a new battery installed.*

## **Is your smoke alarm on the job?**

Up to 20 percent (one in five!) smoke alarms in homes today are dead, placing some 16 million American homes in danger.

People are the cause. They forget to change batteries, or they disable the alarm and forget to turn it back on. Take these steps for proper protection.

- ✚ The *National Fire Protection Association* says you can avoid false alarms by placing the unit away from the kitchen or bathroom. Steam and oven smoke can cause false alarms.
- ✚ Replace the unit every 10 years, but test it once a month to see if it's working.
- ✚ Change the batteries every year. Do it when you turn clocks back in fall. If you didn't do it then, do it now.

