



FIRE SAFETY FACTS

**A FIRE SAFETY MESSAGE FROM  
THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF FIRE  
SAFETY AND YOUR LOCAL FIRE SERVICE**



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### **WHAT ABOUT NUISANCE ALARMS?**

*Purchase a smoke alarm with a silencing mode, so that it can be stopped quickly and easily. Move it away from the kitchen or bathroom. Choose a different type of smoke alarm. A photoelectric alarm is less likely to produce a false alarm owed to common causes.*

### **WHAT ABOUT RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLERS?**

*Smoke alarms are the first line of defense against residential fires.*

*Residential sprinklers however have proven to be the most effective defense against life and property loss from fire.*



# **SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES!**



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### WHY DO I NEED A SMOKE ALARM?

*You need a smoke alarm only if you care for yourself and your family. Properly placed and maintained smoke alarms will provide you and your family a critical advance warning.*

### WHAT TYPE DO I NEED?

There are three types **PHOTO ELECTRIC**, **IONIZATION** and **DUAL SENSOR**. Each alarm will respond differently depending on the nature of the fire. The Consumer Product Safety Commission and the US Fire Administration recommend the **DUAL SENSOR** for optimal response.

### WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

*The most important thing after you purchase and install your smoke alarms is to maintain them. A non-working alarm is about as effective as not having an alarm. Change your batteries at the annual time changes or whenever it "chirps" a low battery signal. Press the test button every so often to make sure it is working.*

# SMOKE ALARMS: WHERE TO PLACE THEM IN YOUR HOME OR APARTMENT..

**BEDROOM: PLACE ALARMS BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE ROOM**

**KITCHEN: COOKING FIRES ARE THE LEADING CAUSE OF FIRE IN NEW JERSEY**

**BEDROOM: PLACE ALARM ON EACH FLOOR IN THE HOME**

**BASEMENT: PLACE NEXT TO CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM**

**HALLWAY AND STAIRWELL: PLACE AT THE HEAD OF THE STAIRS**

**PRACTICE YOUR FAMILY ESCAPE ROUTE-CHOOSE A SPECIFIC PLACE TO MEET OUTSIDE AWAY FROM FIRE DANGER-NEVER GO BACK IN!**

