

Smoke alarms

How to look after them



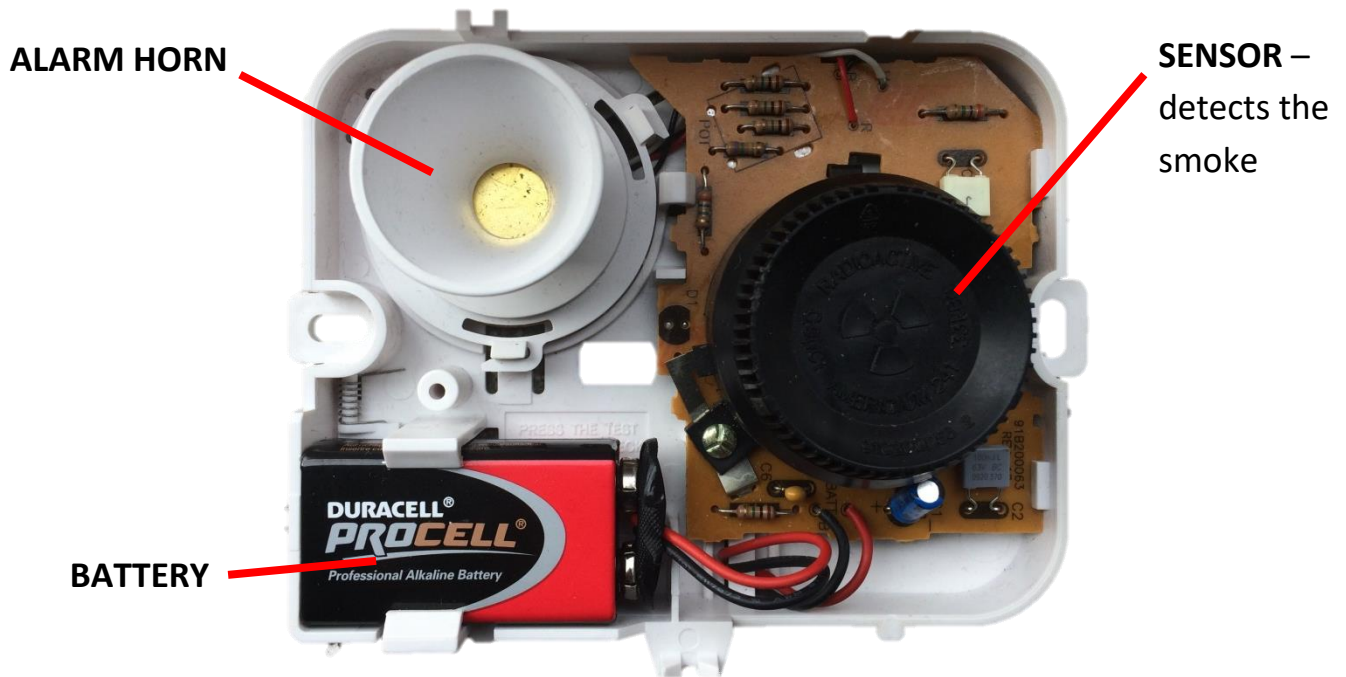
A smoke alarm will go off when it detects a small amount of smoke. This early warning that there may be a fire gives you **TIME** to get outside safely and call 999.

WHERE TO PUT SMOKE ALARMS

As a minimum, you should have one on each floor of your house. Ideally, also fit smoke alarms in rooms, particularly bedrooms, where there is electrical equipment (radios, computers, televisions, games consoles) etc. as all of these can create a greater risk of fire.

Smoke alarms can be put in all rooms, **except the kitchen and the bathroom** as the smoke from cooking and steam from hot water can cause false alarms.

INSIDE A SMOKE ALARM



LOOKING AFTER YOUR SMOKE ALARM

ONCE A WEEK

Test the smoke alarm: press the button until the alarm sounds.



ONCE A YEAR

Change the battery: use family birthdays, or a special occasion, to remind you to change it.



Some smoke alarms have a long-life battery; these still need to be tested but the whole alarm needs to be replaced when the battery runs out.

TWICE A YEAR

Open the case and gently vacuum the inside to remove dust and cobwebs from the sensor.

