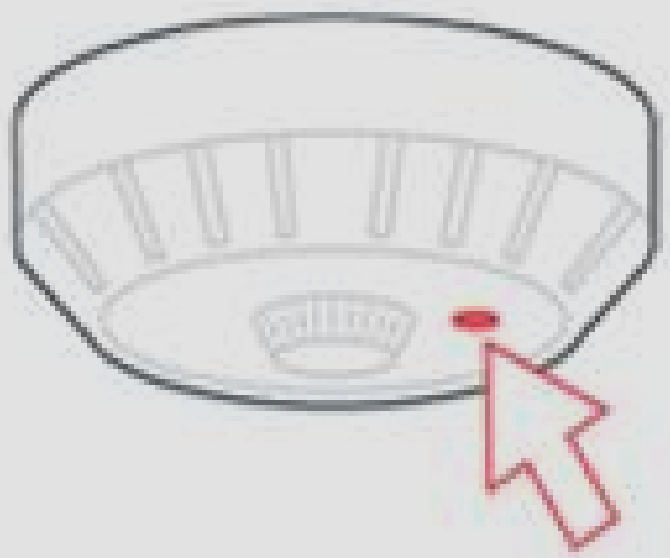


How to Test Your Smoke Detector

Smoke detectors require little maintenance, but the maintenance could be life-saving. Although there are several makes and models that you might have, you can test their effectiveness in one of the two ways:



Method 1:

Most smoke alarms will have a test button that can be employed here. Carefully stand on a stepladder, reach up and push it using a broom handle if necessary. The alarm should go off. If you don't hear anything, it means the battery is dead.



Method 2:

Light a couple of matches and then blow out the flame so that the smoke drifts up towards the smoke alarm. If the detector is working, the alarm will go off.

How often should I test my smoke alarm?

We recommend testing your smoke detector regularly, ideally once a week and replacing batteries as required.

General Smoke Alarm Maintenance

- Clean dust away when necessary
- Never remove the battery to use in something else because you may forget to replace it
- Replace the battery on an annual basis even if it is still working
- Replace the alarm as required in line with its lifespan