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Smoke Alarms

Positioning/Siting:

- ✓ You can buy smoke alarms for as little as £5 in any DIY store
- ✓ The minimum recommended number of smoke alarms in the home is one per floor protecting your escape routes i.e. landings & hallways.
- ✓ Smoke alarms shouldn't be situated in or near bathrooms and kitchens as the steam and cooking fumes sets them off.
- ✓ Where possible, they should always be mounted on the ceiling not the walls as they don't work so effectively on the walls.
- ✓ Smoke alarms should be fitted at least 12 inches from walls, corners or light fittings.

Testing and Maintenance:

- ✓ You should test your alarm once a week by pressing and holding the test button until the alarm beeps for approx 2-3 seconds.
- ✓ Once every six months, when vacuuming, use the nozzle to clean in and around the detector to remove dust and insects.
- ✓ If the smoke alarm beeps intermittently, this means that there is either a fault or the battery needs replacing (Refer to manufacturers manual).
- ✓ You should change the battery every year. Pick a date that's easy to remember, i.e. an anniversary, birthday or New Year

You can download a copy of our home fire safety leaflet at:

www.hantsfire.gov.uk/homesafetyinformation.pdf

Useful contact points and further information:

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service homepage: www.hantsfire.gov.uk

Community Fire Safety Department: 023 8062 6809

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