

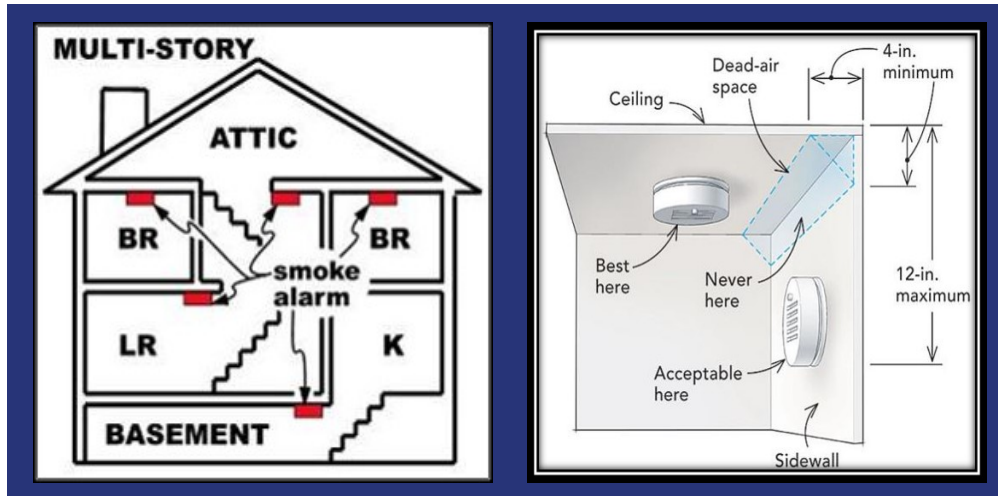
# 1. Right Alarm - Right Location

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## Smoke Alarms

- Smoke alarms should be installed in **every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of your home.**
- In the basement, install on the ceiling at the bottom of the stairs.
- On levels without bedrooms, install in the common room or near the stairway.



- Residential smoke alarms are rated for 10 years.
- The date of manufacture is on the back of your smoke alarm. **If the date is missing or unreadable, replace the alarm.**
- Maintain your alarm by testing monthly and replacing batteries every year (*unless the alarm has a 10 year sealed battery*).
- Smoke alarms can be installed on ceilings or walls.
- To avoid nuisance alarms, keep smoke alarms at least **10 feet** away from cooking appliances.

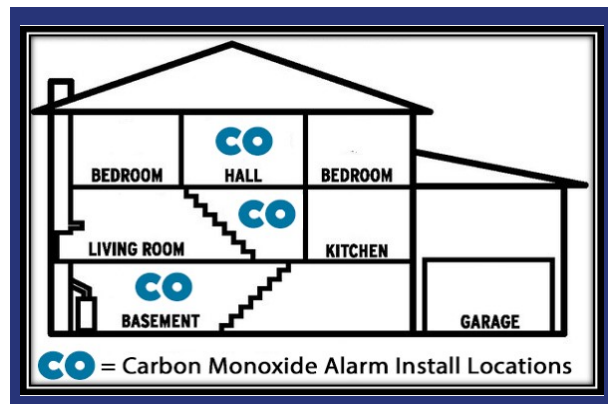
**TIP!**  
When replacing alarms, purchase ones with a 10 year sealed battery.

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## Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas produced by fuel-burning appliances and machines.
- The only safe way to detect CO in your home is with a CO alarm.
- Every home with a fuel-burning appliance, attached garage, or fireplace should have a CO alarm.
- Install one alarm per level in the hallway near each bedroom or sleeping area.
- Alarms should be placed at least **5 feet** away from a CO source.



## Deaf/Hard of Hearing Alarms

The deaf/hard of hearing are at special risk during a fire because they may not be able to hear a traditional smoke alarm. A specialty alarm, known as a "bed-shaker," vibrates the bed to alert when a traditional smoke alarm sounds. South Carolina deaf/hard of hearing residents may qualify for a FREE bed shaker.

For more info on bed shakers  
visit: [http://firesafe.sc.gov/deaf\\_hardofhearingalarms.html](http://firesafe.sc.gov/deaf_hardofhearingalarms.html)