

# Safely Handle False Alarms

Smoke detectors save lives, but sometimes they can be a nuisance when the alarm sounds without the presence of a fire. It's important to handle these nuisance alarms properly to keep your family safe.

## Common Reasons for False Alarms



SMOKE FROM  
A WOODSTOVE



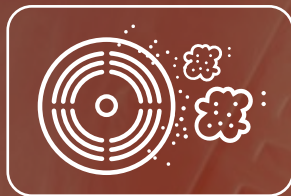
SMOKE FROM  
COOKING



STEAM OR  
HUMIDITY



TRAPPED  
INSECTS



DUST  
BUILD UP



LOW  
BATTERIES

## Common Solutions

### MOVE IT

Move your smoke alarm a safe distance away

### REPLACE IT

Replace the batteries or alarm itself

### CLEAN IT

Clean smoke alarm regularly by vacuuming it

### HUSH IT

Press the hush button to silence the alarm



## The Hush Button

Smoke alarms are available with a pause or hush button that can be used to silence the alarm for several minutes. When purchasing smoke alarms, look for one with a hush feature, especially if the alarm will be installed near a kitchen or bathroom.

**Only working smoke alarms save lives.**

### DO NOT:

- ✗ Take the smoke alarm out of your home
- ✗ Take the batteries out of the alarm

Always make sure the false alarm is actually a false alarm, be prepared to get out and stay out in the event of a house fire.



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