

# LEARN THE SOUNDS OF FIRE SAFETY

Is there a beep or chirp coming from your smoke or carbon monoxide alarm? What does it all mean? Knowing the difference can save you, your home and your family. Make sure everyone in your home understands the sounds of the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and knows how to respond.

## WHAT IS YOUR ALARM TELLING YOU?

### SMOKE ALARMS

- A continued set of three loud beeps means smoke or fire. Get out and call 9-1-1.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and should be changed immediately.
- Replace every 10 years.
- Chirping that continues, after the battery has been replaced, means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit should be replaced.

### CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) ALARMS

- A continuous set of four loud beeps means carbon monoxide is present in your home. Get out and call 9-1-1.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and should be changed immediately.
- CO alarms also have "end of life" sounds that vary by manufacturer. This means you should replace your CO alarm.
- Chirping that continues, after the battery is replaced, means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit should be replaced.

## HEAR A BEEP, GET ON YOUR FEET!

Get out and stay out! Call 9-1-1 from outside.

## HEAR A CHIRP, MAKE A CHANGE!

A chirping alarm needs attention. Replace the batteries or the entire unit if it's over 10 years old. If you don't remember how old the unit is, replace it!

## SOME TIPS:

Install a bedside alert device that responds to the sound of the smoke and CO alarms.

Make sure your smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of everyone in your home, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

Using a low frequency alarm can wake a sleeping person with mild to severe hearing loss.

Sleep with your mobility device, glasses, and phone close to your bed.

Keep pathways like hallways lit with night lights and free from clutter to make sure everyone can get out safely.

