

Trouble Shooting

At many fire scenes, we find the smoke alarms did not work because the batteries were missing or inoperative. Installing an alarm with pause feature will reduce nuisance alarms, thereby reducing the possibility that the battery will be disconnected or removed. In addition, once the battery has been removed from this smoke alarm, the cover to the alarm cannot be closed.

If the smoke alarm "*chirps*" it needs a new battery.

If there are false alarms, try:

- vacuuming the unit;
- relocating the smoke alarm, away from smoke or steam source;
- replacing the unit, if it is over ten years old (smoke alarms can malfunction and wear out);
- learning how to use the pause feature.

If smoke alarms can't be heard throughout the house:

- Install more smoke alarms, or
- Interconnect smoke alarms.

For further information, refer to manufacturer's instructions or call your Fire Prevention Officer.
