



Alarms and Escape

Can you get out?



Have
one!



Test
it!

1) You have just been given the toy you have wanted for ages for your birthday, but it has no batteries in it.

The only battery that fits is in the smoke alarm.

Do you take it out?

a) Yes, it doesn't matter, we will never have a fire in our home, and anyway the dog would smell the smoke and warn us.

b) Yes, we have two smoke alarms, if I take it from the upstairs one the downstairs one will still work.

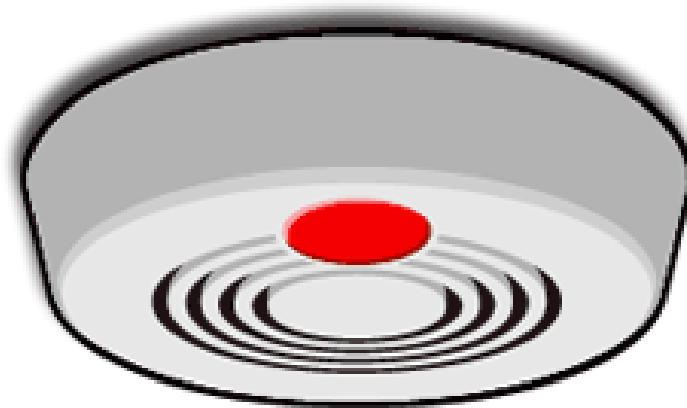
c) Yes, but I will replace it when we go shopping and buy some more.

d) No, I will wait until we can buy a new battery for the toy



d) Smoke alarms save lives and you must always have a working smoke alarm on every floor of you home.

- Smoke alarms sense smoke before animals do.
- To give as much warning as possible, you must have a working smoke alarm on each floor.
- You should always have a working battery in every smoke alarm and test it every week.



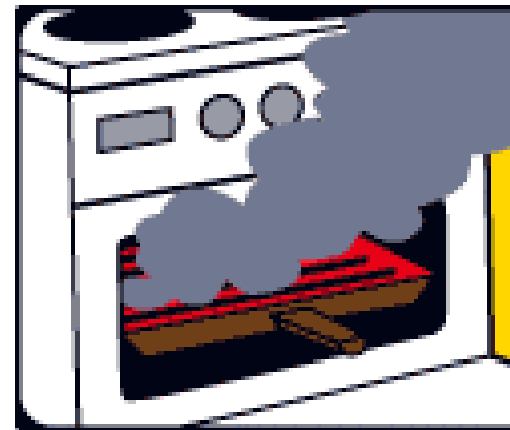
2) The smoke alarm in the kitchen goes off whenever anyone cooks toast. It is really loud and keeps waking your baby sister, who then cries. It is really annoying. What do you do?

a) Take the battery out. That will stop it going off!

b) Take the baby out. That will stop her crying!

c) Ignore it every time it goes off.

d) Ask an adult to move it out of the kitchen, and treat it like a real fire every time it goes off.



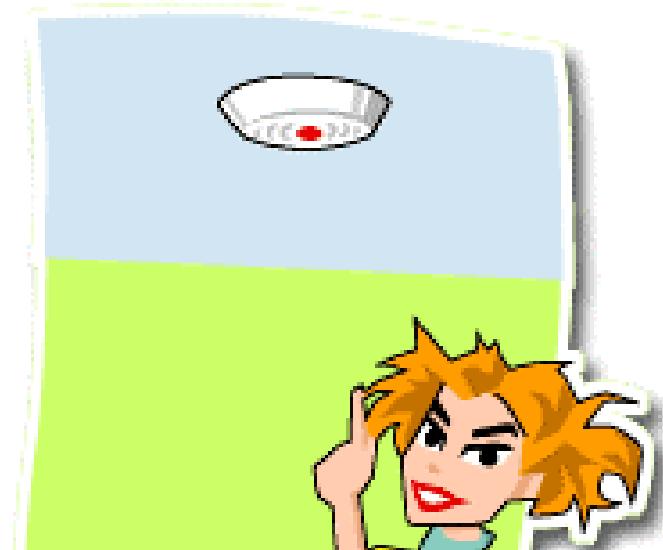
d) Smoke alarms should not be in the kitchen as they will go off lots and people will ignore it. One time, it could be a real fire.

- There should be a smoke alarm on every floor of the home.
- The best places are in the hallway and landing.
- Smoke alarm should not be put in the kitchen or bathroom, otherwise you will hear lots of false alarms.
- Never ignore a smoke alarm, it could be a real fire.



3) How often should a smoke alarm be tested?

- a) The alarm in our home is connected to the mains electricity; it doesn't need testing.
- b) It gets tested every time the toast is burnt.
- c) When it starts to give a low battery sound.
- d) Once a year.
- e) Once a month.
- f) Once a week.
- g) Every day.



f) Once a week.

- Mains electrical alarms still need to be tested.
- If the smoke alarm is giving a low battery warning it must be changed straight away.
- The smoke alarm must be tested regularly.
- It is best to test the smoke alarm every week; a good way of remembering is to do it at the same time every week. For example the day the bins are put out, or on a Sunday evening.



4) What do you do if you hear the smoke alarm in the night?

a) Jump out the window, grab hold of the drainpipe, climb on to the roof and leap into the nearest tree.

b) Hide under the duvet and try to ignore it.

c) Wake everyone in the house by shouting 'fire' and leave by your escape route.



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- Never hide! Always:

- Get out

- Stay out

- Call 999.



- Your escape route should be your normal route out of your home.

- Have a second escape route to use if the first is blocked.

- Everyone in your home should know the escape plan.

5) Why is it important to tidy your toys away at night?

- a) So you can find them in the morning.
- b) To stop your brother playing with them.
- c) To stop your mum nagging you.
- d) To keep your escape route clear.



d) All are very good reasons, but it is important to keep your escape route clear.

- If there is a fire at night and you are trying to get out the home it maybe:

- Hard to see: it maybe dark (the lights may not work) and the rooms maybe filled with smoke.

- Disorientating: in the dark, with the noise from the smoke alarm and the fire you may get confused.

- Scary: try to keep calm.

- With your family, try your escape route with your eyes closed. What things are there you could trip over?

- If the room is filled with smoke: Get low and Go!

Smoke rises so get down on the floor where the air is clearer.

