

Smoke Detectors

THE **4** TAKEAWAYS

A GUIDE

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It is easier and safer to have an electrician install smoke detectors in your home.

Talk with an electrician to see if there are any smoke detector regulations you need to follow.

Always put smoke detectors in rooms where people will be sleeping.

Installing Carbon Monoxide and Radon detectors provide an extra level of protection.



How many? Where? Should I do it myself?

It is generally understood that smoke detectors are an important safety feature for your home, but there are plenty of questions to be asked surrounding the specifics. Let us help you get started.

>> Should I Ask for Help With This?

It is best to have a trained electrician help with all smoke detector installations because they will know the regulations your home needs to meet to keep you safe.

>> Hard-Wired vs. Interconnected

Hard-wired smoke detectors are directly connected to the electrical system in your home, containing batteries as back-up power. A perk of these is that even if you forget to replace the batteries, your smoke detector will still work. Some states require this type of smoke detector in newly built homes.

Interconnected smoke detectors are connected to one another so that if there is smoke setting one of the detectors off, all of the other detectors will also sound off an alarm.

Both types of detectors are excellent options, but be sure to talk to an electrician to see if there is a smoke detector regulation in your area.

>> How Many Should I Have?

The number you need will depend on the regulations of your area as well as the size of your home, but there are some general guidelines we would suggest:

1. Put a smoke detector in each "sleeping" room in your house
2. Install a smoke detector in your kitchen at least 10 feet from your cooking appliances, so it doesn't go off every time you burn dinner.
3. Putting smoke detectors in hallways and near stairs to an upper level are a good idea.

>> What's That Smell?

Radon and Carbon Monoxide detectors can also be integrated into smoke detectors for further risk management.

Contact Genesis Electrical Service today to set up an estimate to install your smoke, Radon, or Carbon Monoxide detectors today.

