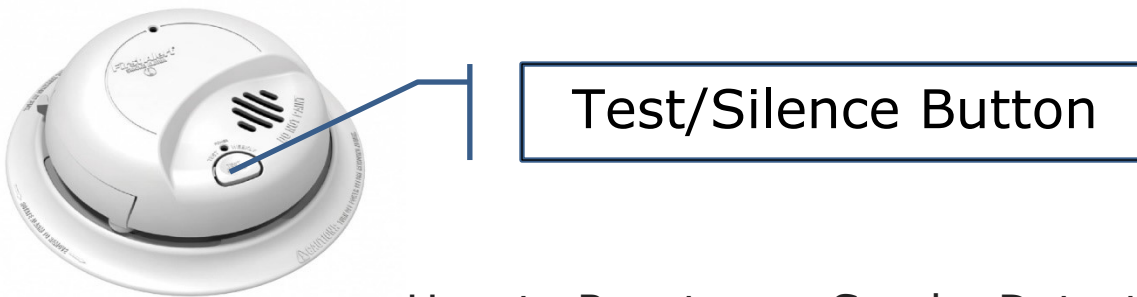


# What to Do When Smoke Alarm Keeps Beeping

All smoke alarms have batteries. Some alarms are sealed so batteries aren't replaced. Some alarms have replaceable batteries. Other alarms are wired to the house but have batteries as back-up if the electricity goes out.

Replaceable batteries last about 6 months. That's why we recommend changing them twice a year when the time changes.

Sometimes the alarm continues to chirp or beep **after** you have changed the battery. That means the "coding" in the alarm hasn't been cleared out. Here's what to do.



## How to Reset your Smoke Detector

### Electric (hard-wired) Smoke Detectors with Battery Backup

- 1 Go to the breaker box for your house. Shut off the circuit to your smoke detector.
- 2 Remove the detector from the bracket on the ceiling and disconnect the power cable plugged to the smoke detector.
- 3 Take out its battery, then press the "Test" button and hold it down for 15 seconds. An alarm will sound for a short time, then the alarm will silence.
- 4 Put the battery back into the smoke detector, reconnect the power cable and mount the smoke detector back on its mounting bracket. Turn the breaker on. The smoke alarm will chirp one time to indicate power has been restored to the unit.

### Battery-Powered Smoke Detectors

- 1 Remove the battery from the smoke detector.
- 2 Press the "Test" button and hold it down for 15 seconds. An alarm will sound for a short time, and then will stop.
- 3 Install the battery back in the smoke detector. The smoke alarm will chirp once to indicate the battery is connected.

There are many excellent videos online showing how to replace the battery in your alarm. Include the name of the alarm manufacturer in your search.

**If your battery-driven smoke alarm is between 8 or 10 years old, it needs to be replaced.**