



Preventing disability, distress and deaths to our babies and children

Smoke alarms

Fit at least one smoke alarm on every level of your home. Smoke alarms are cheap and easy to install. And available from DIY stores, electrical shops and most high street supermarkets. There are a variety of different models to







You are four times more likely to die in a fire if you don't have a smoke alarm that works. • Around half of home fires are caused by cooking accidents. • Two fires a day are started by candles. • Every six days someone dies from a fire caused by a cigarette. • About two fires a day are started by heaters. • Faulty electrics (appliances, wiring and overloaded sockets) cause around 6,000 fires in the home across the country every year

The ideal position is on the ceiling, in the middle of a room, and on the hallway and landing, so you can hear an alarm throughout your home. • Don't put alarms in or near kitchens or bathrooms where smoke or steam can set them off by accident. • If it is difficult for you to fit smoke alarms yourself contact your local fire and rescue service for help. They'll be happy to install them for you.