

# SAFETY SENSE

## A Small Investment Returns A Safer And Healthier Home

(NAPSA)—A quick and easy improvement project could save money and lives.

Almost every U.S. home has smoke alarms but most do not have enough. A recent survey by Kelton Research found that only 42 percent of Americans knew they needed alarms in each room. A fire can double in size every 30 seconds. The sooner you hear a smoke alarm, the more time you have to escape.

This survey also found that half of American households don't have a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm. Produced by fossil fuel-burning appliances and engines, CO can cause injury or death if it builds up in your home. A working CO alarm is the only safe way to detect this odorless and invisible gas.

Consider these questions:

- Have you recently replaced your smoke and CO alarms?

Replace smoke alarms every 10 years and CO alarms every seven. Kidde CO alarms will alert you when they reach the end of their life.

- Does your home have enough alarms?

Install UL-listed smoke alarms in every room including basements, finished attics, bedrooms, outside of sleeping areas and at the top and bottom of stairs. Place a CO alarm near sleeping areas and on each floor.

- Do your alarms incorporate these newer features?

—**Sealed Battery:** Offers maintenance-free protection and saves on the cost of batteries for the life of the smoke/CO alarm. Reduces battery waste in landfills.

—**Digital Display:** Shows your home's current CO level



### Check that your home meets safety standards.

and updates the reading every 15 seconds.

—**Dual Sensor:** Combines two smoke-sensing technologies into one alarm. Most smoke alarms use either ionization technology, which may detect flaming fires sooner, or photoelectric technology, which may detect smoldering fires sooner. For optimal protection, install both types of technology.

- Do you need other safety products?

—A fire extinguisher can put out a small, contained fire or create a path to safety.

—An escape ladder provides an alternative exit from second- or third-floor rooms.

—A radon test offers analysis of your home's amount of this carcinogen from an EPA-registered facility.

—A mold test offers a quick way to collect samples for professional analysis.

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