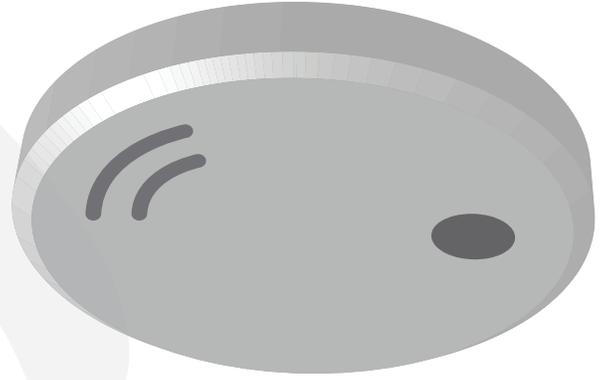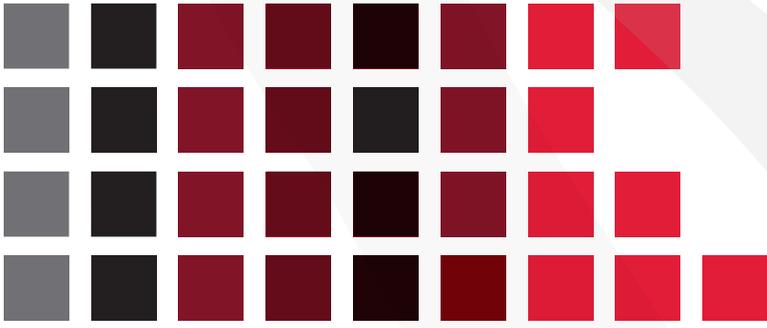# SMOKE ALARMS:

## A sound you can live with

- Every year nearly 3,000 Americans die in home fires. Last year, more than 100 of those were Ohioans.

- More than 75% of Ohio's fatal fires occur in homes without working smoke alarms.

- Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a fire by half.

- Fires double in size every 45 to 60 seconds…the best chance for escape is with a smoke alarm's early warning.

- In Ohio, cooking is the leading cause of residential fires and smoking is the leading cause of residential fire deaths.

- Smoke detectors must be working to save lives. Families should test alarms monthly, replace batteries twice a year, and replace the smoke detectors every 10 years.

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