



# What Are Smart Smoke Detectors?

Smart smoke detectors do more than just beep when there's fire. All can alert you to smoke, fire and carbon monoxide situations remotely over an app, keeping you aware whether you are home or away.

## What are the benefits of smart smoke detectors?

By enhancing audio alerts with app alerts, smart smoke detectors allow you to get a better sense of the status of your home. Some apps even link to thermostats (which kick on a fan if smoke is detected) and cameras (to show you the location of an incident), which give you peace of mind if something does trigger the detector. ■

## How do smart smoke detectors work?

By using wireless protocols, like wifi, your phone links to your smart smoke detector to give you a whole-home look at your smoke, fire, and carbon monoxide status. The detectors can come as standard units (both battery-powered and hard-wired) or as “smart batteries” which turn your regular smoke detectors into smarter ones. Smart smoke detector apps can also automatically test your batteries, check smoke, fire, and carbon monoxide levels on the fly, and more. ■

## What are the challenges of smart smoke detectors?

Smart smoke detectors are pricier than their non-connected counterparts, but offer a wider variety of features, so they are well worth the cost. Smoke detectors are usually part of a home's sale, so making sure you properly reset the device is key in order to correctly transfer ownership and keep both parties' info safe and secure. ■



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