

# HOME MAINTENANCE

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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### SMOKE ALARM INFORMATION AND MAINTENANCE

Your home is equipped with interconnected smoke and CO detectors from BRK, models 7030BSLA and 7020BSLA. These units are both wired into your electrical system, and contain a battery backup. The batteries are internal and cannot be changed, so once they have reached their 10 year lifespan the entire device needs to be replaced.

If the device detects smoke, you will hear 1 beep per second for 3 beeps, then 1 second off, then the pattern will repeat. You will also see 1 flash per second, constantly.

If the device detects CO (carbon monoxide), you will hear 4 rapid beeps, then 5 seconds off, then the pattern will repeat. You will also see 1 flash per second for 4 flashes, then 3 seconds off, then the pattern will repeat.

Remember to test and clean all of the alarms with compressed air or a vacuum cleaner at least once a month. Any of the situations listed below can cause unwanted alarms;

- Cover or sensor chamber is covered by dirt or dust
- Insects covered or clogged the sensor chamber
- Alarm was triggered from another part of the house
- Power interruptions
- When the furnace is turned on after long periods of disuse
- High humidity
- Ceiling and directional fans within close proximity
- Diffusers within close proximity

If your alarm is repeatedly going off, AND you are sure there is no fire or carbon monoxide issues, AND you have thoroughly cleaned the alarm, AND you are following all the steps above, then you have a defective unit and will need to follow the steps below.

- Hold down the "Silence" button on the device to temporarily silence an active alarm.
- Identify which unit is causing the issue, which is noted by a flashing red light. The rest of the alarms will show a solid green light that indicates it has power.
- Take the defective alarm down by twisting it counter clockwise and pulling down. Disconnect the quick-connect power connector by simply pulling it straight out. There will be a red switch on the back of the alarm to turn it off.
- You will then need to contact the manufacturer by calling the number on the back of the alarm. They will take your information, the model number, and when asked for proof of purchase tell them it came installed with your new home built by Barry's Construction. Then they will send you a free replacement unit.