

Smoke Alarms:

Make them Work for Your Learner!



Do you have a smoke alarm your learner can respond to?

Sound



Sound & Light



Vibrate



Do they respond when the alarm activates?











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Do they follow visual or spoken directions if there is smoke?











Here are some options and their benefits:

Visual Smoke Alarms

These alarms include strobe lights or bright, flashing lights in addition to audible alarms. Visual alarms are essential for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as they rely on visual cues rather than auditory signals.

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Combined Visual and Auditory Smoke Alarms

These alarms offer both a flashing light and an audible alarm. They cater to individuals who may respond better to visual cues but still ensure that the alert is noticed.

Low-Sensitivity Audible Smoke Alarms

These alarms are designed with reduced volume settings or adjustable sound levels. They can be less startling for individuals with sensory sensitivities while still providing necessary auditory alerts.

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Alarms that provide spoken voice alerts can be beneficial for individuals with hearing impairments who may find it easier to understand spoken instructions or alerts.

Vibrating Smoke Alarms

Some alarms are equipped with a vibrating pad or pillow that can be placed under a pillow or mattress. These are designed for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing and may not wake up to audible alarms alone.

Remote Monitoring and Alert Systems

Advanced smoke alarm systems that send alerts to smartphones or other devices can be beneficial for caregivers or family members of individuals with autism. This feature allows for remote monitoring and notification during emergencies, providing additional support and peace of mind.

It's advisable for families to research and compare different models based on their specific needs and the sensitivities of the individual.



