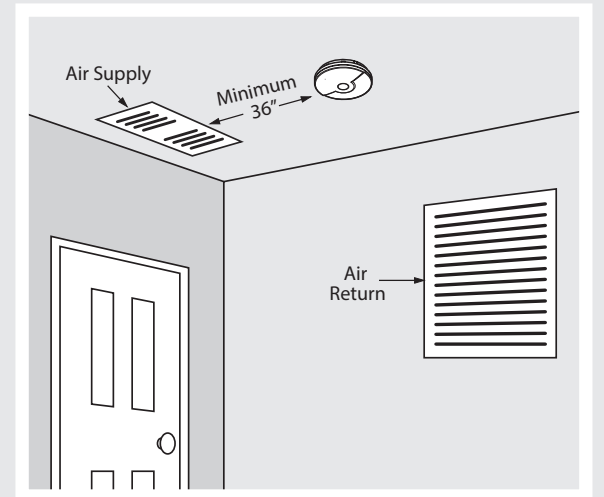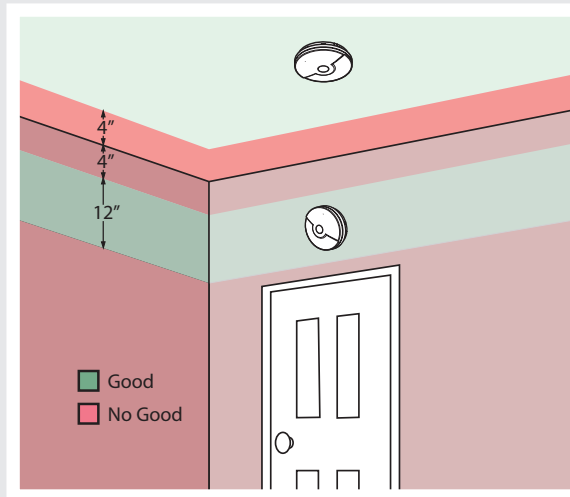# TAKE ACTION

Five Ways To Ensure Smoke Detectors Are Operating At Peak Performance

1 MOUNT CORRECTLY

Ensure **smoke detector is mounted in the correct location** based on the recommendations from the manufacturer, and **adhere to any regulations** that apply to your area.

4"
4"
12"

☐ Good
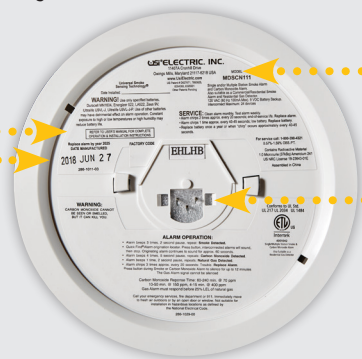☐ No Good

Air Supply
Minimum 36"
Air Return

2 CHECK LIFE SPAN

Remove the smoke detector from its mount. **Check the manufacture date** and **replacement date/life expectancy**.

Suggested Replacement Date/Life Span

Model Number

Date Of Manufacture

Hard-Wired Electrical Plug-In Switch

3 KEEP IT CLEAN

Clean the smoke detector with a vacuum or compressed air to remove dust or insects.

Office Depot
cleaning duster

4 CHECK BATTERIES

Inspect and replace batteries as needed. A good rule of thumb—change batteries when you reset clocks in the spring and fall.

5 TEST REGULARLY

Finally, **reinstall**, **activate with test button**, and **test with test smoke**.

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