

## INSTALLING SMOKE DETECTORS

Place detectors close to where people sleep, so that an alarm will be heard. If there is only one detector, place it in the hallway just outside the bedrooms.

Smoke detectors should be mounted on the ceiling or high on a wall (ceiling is preferred). A wall-mounted unit should be 4 to 12 inches from the ceiling. A ceiling-mounted detector should be at least 4 inches away from the nearest wall. In a room with a pitched ceiling, mount the detector on or near the ceiling's highest point.

In open stairways with no doors at the top or bottom, position smoke detectors anywhere in the path of smoke moving up the stairs. But always position smoke detectors at the bottom of enclosed stairways, such as those leading to the basement, because dead air trapped near the door at the top of the stairway could prevent smoke from reaching the detector.

