

The Property Manager's Guide to Efficient Smoke Detector Replacement

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to make it count.



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INTRODUCTION

Make the upgrade count

Every 10 years from the manufacture date, smoke detectors need to be replaced.

But replacing smoke detectors across an occupied community is no small task. Coordinating access to every unit, minimizing disruption for residents, removing old units, and managing installation all require careful planning.

So before you put the same device on every wall, make sure it's built for today's fire code, resident expectations, and the next 10 years of property management.

This guide outlines three things to look for in your next smoke detector replacement.



Meets today's code

Updated fire code now requires 520 Hz low-frequency notification in sleeping areas. Choose a solution that's built to meet today's requirements without adding more hardware to every unit. A single integrated device can simplify installation, maintenance, and future replacements.



Installs quickly and stays easy to manage

When you're entering every occupied unit, every minute matters. Look for a solution designed for fast, straightforward installation with fewer devices to manage.



Adds value for tenants beyond compliance

The best replacement doesn't just meet code. It improves the resident experience with connected features and integrated alerts.



FIRE CODE

Meet code in one device

Fire protection requirements have changed significantly over the past decade.



Updated building and fire codes now require 520 Hz low-frequency sounders in sleeping areas, reflecting research that shows low-frequency alarms are more effective at waking sleeping occupants.

NFPA 101 includes parallel requirements for low-frequency smoke alarms in these same occupancies, reinforcing a nationwide move toward more effective audible notification in residential and MDU environments.

If your community is approaching its 10-year replacement cycle, replacing your existing smoke detectors with standard models will leave you short of these code requirements.

To comply with updated code, many communities must install separate low-frequency notification devices alongside their smoke detectors, increasing installation time, maintenance, and clutter.

PLACE is the only single-device solution that combines smoke detection, carbon monoxide monitoring, and required 520 Hz low-frequency notification in one integrated device.

Instead of installing multiple devices to meet code, communities can satisfy today's requirements with a single device.

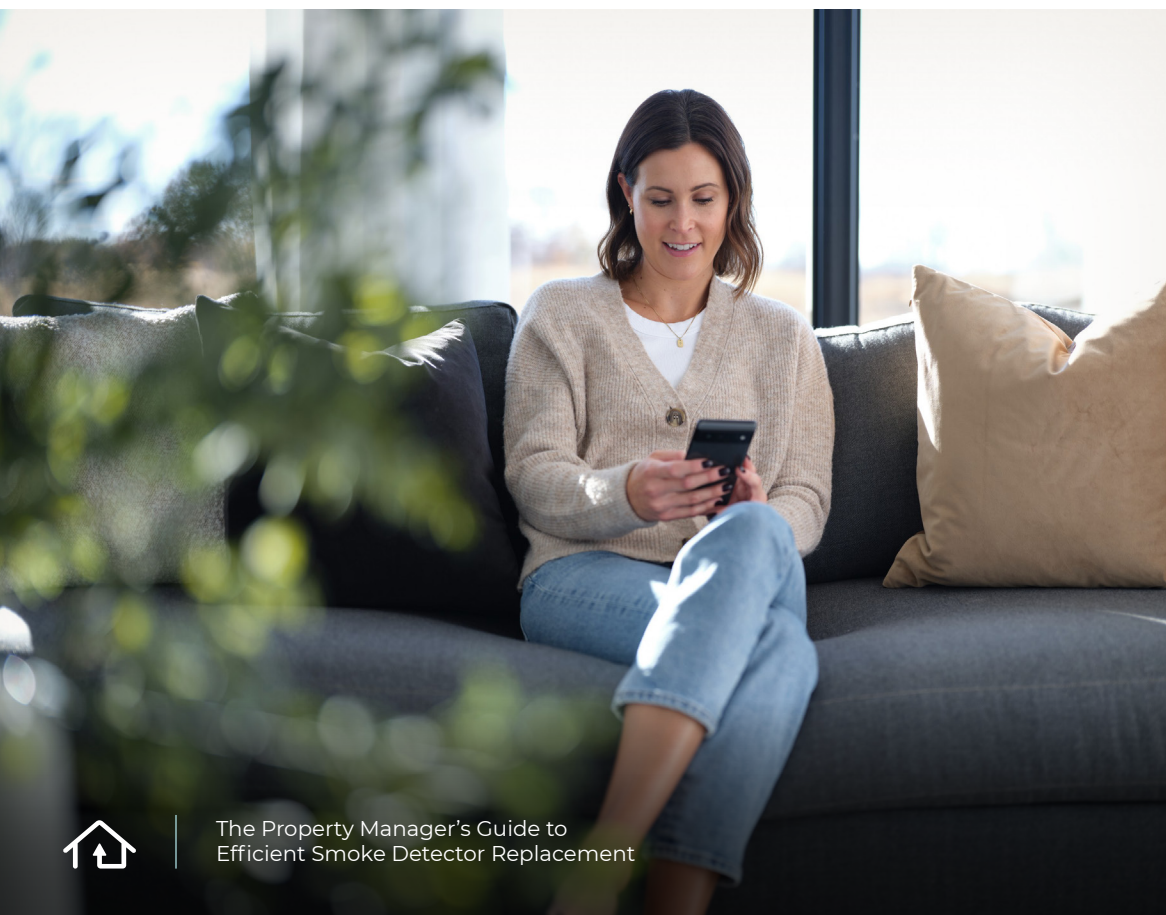


With PLACE, one integrated device means fewer components to install, fewer devices to maintain, and a simpler experience for both property teams and residents.

The connected app helps streamline day-to-day management by allowing residents to:

- + Receive notifications from every PLACE device
- + Silence nuisance alarms directly from the app
- + Manage the entire system from one interface instead of juggling multiple apps and devices

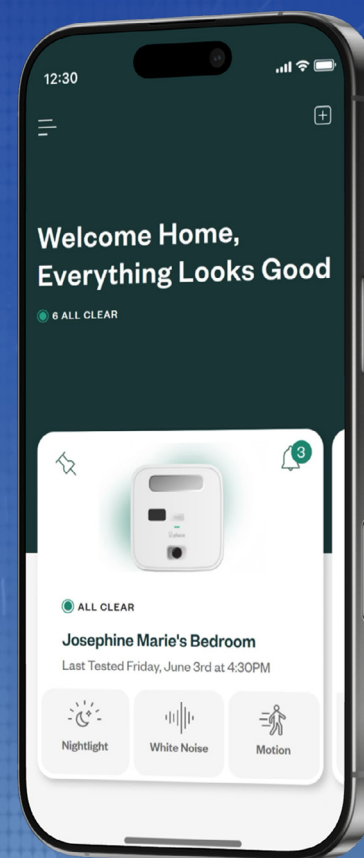
By reducing hardware and bringing life safety into a single connected platform, PLACE helps simplify operations long after installation is complete.



PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Simplify install & management

A smoke detector replacement doesn't just keep you compliant, it affects your team for the next 10 years. The right solution should reduce complexity from installation through everyday management.



VALUE FOR RESIDENTS

Deliver a better resident experience

Residents expect more from the places they live than they did 10 years ago. If you're already replacing every smoke detector in your community, choose a solution that improves everyday living, not just emergency notification.

Flexible options for every space

PLACE isn't limited to a single smoke detector. Beyond apartments and living spaces, PLACE also offers room-specific configurations for kitchens, garages, and nurseries, extending connected safety, comfort, and security throughout the home.

Built on proven performance

Manufactured by Gentex, PLACE is backed by decades of experience in fire protection and sensing technology. You can rely on PLACE to protect your home and loved ones with the same level of dependability that has defined Gentex products for over 50 years.

- + Long-standing reputation for high-quality standards
- + High-volume manufacturing excellence
- + Manufactured in the US

PLACE goes beyond traditional smoke and CO detection by combining life safety with connected features that make homes safer, more comfortable, and more secure.

Greater confidence

Residents benefit from advanced smoke and CO detection, 520 Hz low-frequency notification, and localized voice alerts that help protect them when it matters most.

Greater comfort

Temperature and humidity sensing, VOC detection, and a smart nightlight help create a healthier, more comfortable place to live.

Greater connection

Motion detection and real-time notifications help residents stay connected to what's happening at home.

Choosing a solution that residents appreciate creates a more attractive living experience that can help communities stand out and keep residents happy.

Everything residents need in one device:

- + Smart smoke and carbon monoxide alarm
- + Smart nightlight
- + Wi-Fi connectivity for real-time notifications and remote monitoring
- + Ambient temperature and humidity sensing
- + Motion detection
- + 520 Hz low-frequency sounder for improved awakening
- + Localized voice alerts
- + Hard-wired installation for maximum reliability



THE OPPORTUNITY

Turn a required replacement into a better investment

Every MDU community will eventually replace its smoke detectors. The question is whether that investment simply replaces what was there before or delivers more value for your property and your residents.

PLACE helps you meet today's fire code while simplifying installation, reducing long-term complexity, and providing connected features residents appreciate.



See how PLACE compares

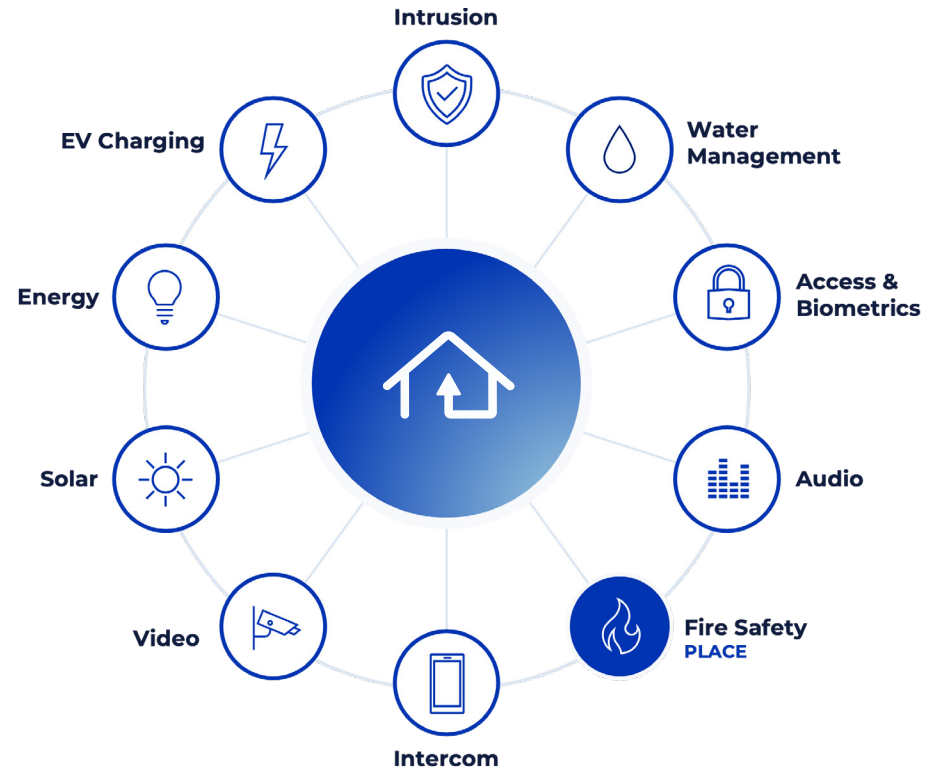
	Meets code in one device	520 Hz low-frequency sounder integrated into every model	Mobile alerts	Reduces wall clutter	Easy to install	Lower equipment and labor cost	Built-in motion detection	Built-in night-light
PLACE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Other Fire Solutions	✗	✗	Uncommon	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗



PLACE is just one part of the picture

PLACE is part of the broader HomeLink Solutions portfolio, connecting code compliance to a wider range of technology across the property.

So what starts as a simpler way to meet code can become part of a more connected approach to access, security, energy, resident experiences, operations, and more.



Our team is here to help you explore the right solution for your community.

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