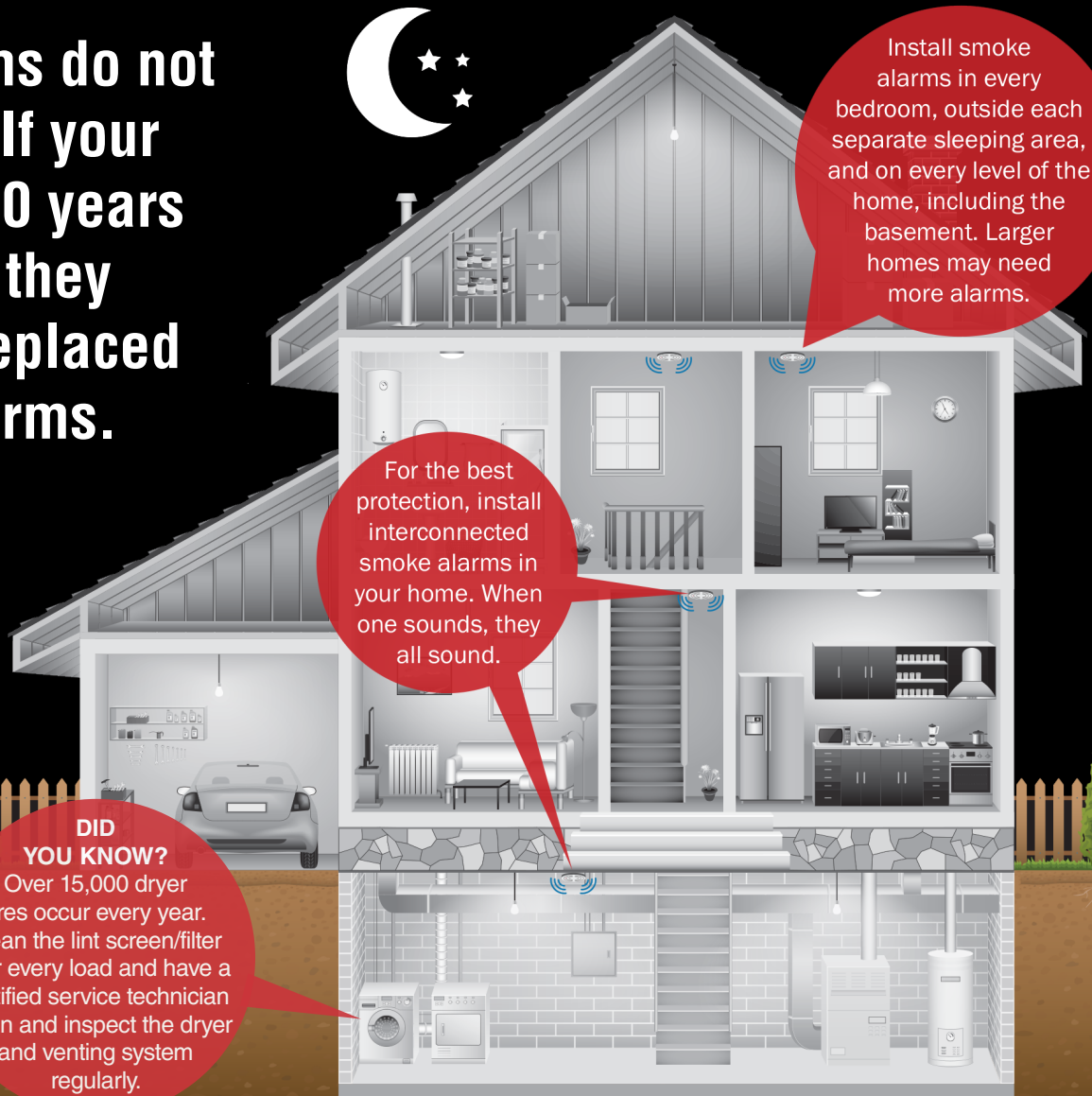


SMOKE ALARMS MUST BE REPLACED AFTER 10 YEARS

Smoke alarms do not last forever. If your alarms are 10 years old or older, they need to be replaced with new alarms.



Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms.

For the best protection, install interconnected smoke alarms in your home. When one sounds, they all sound.

DID YOU KNOW?
Over 15,000 dryer fires occur every year. Clean the lint screen/filter after every load and have a certified service technician clean and inspect the dryer and venting system regularly.



Test alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.



Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or if they do not sound when tested.



Some people, especially children and older adults, may need help to wake up. Make sure someone will wake them if the smoke alarm sounds.



When the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.

Maryland's New Smoke Alarm Law requires the replacement of any battery-only smoke alarms with new smoke alarms powered by 10-year, long-life, sealed-in batteries by January 1, 2018.

IMPORTANT: Never remove required hard-wired smoke alarms and replace with any type of battery-only smoke alarms.



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