

## Appendix B: In-Home Informed Consent Form

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### INFORMED CONSENT

#### Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Survey on Usage and Functionality of Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Detectors in Households



Thank you for your interest in participating in the research study. This study is conducted by EurekaFacts on behalf of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). We are conducting a nationwide survey on household fire and carbon monoxide (CO) safety. The purpose of this study is to gather information about the functionality of smoke detectors and CO detectors in U.S. households by asking a series of survey questions and testing your household smoke and CO alarms. Findings from this research will help CPSC improve home safety.

The combined survey and testing of smoke alarms and CO alarms will take up to 60 minutes. Our trained and qualified two-member survey team will ask you questions related to your smoke detectors and CO detectors, and then inspect these devices in your home. You will receive a \$50 gift card from a major card company as a token of appreciation for completion of the study.

If the survey team finds any detectors to be non-functioning, new detectors and/or batteries can be offered, free of charge, based on availability. If you are renting your home, the property manager will need to be contacted to arrange installation of the new detector at a later date. With your permission, we would like to collect non-functioning smoke or CO detectors and send them to CPSC's lab to find out why they do not work. In addition, we may request your permission to take a photograph of your smoke and CO detector(s) to study different alarm types and functionalities.

Information collected from this study will help CPSC to improve household fire and CO safety. Your input will assist with developing standards and guidelines that will help protect property and human life. This research does not involve any foreseeable risks.

Your participation in this research study is completely voluntary. You may stop at any time if you do not want to continue with the study by notifying a member of the survey team. Your responses will be maintained confidential and will be used for research purposes only. At no time will any identifiable information be linked to any of your answers. All information collected through our research process is reported to CPSC anonymously.

We ask for your consent to participate in answering questions as part of the survey portion of this study.

- I consent
- I do not consent

We ask for your consent to participate in the smoke and CO alarm testing portion of this study in your home.

- I consent
- I do not consent

Your signature below means that you have freely agreed to participate in this research study. You should consent only if you have read this document and you understand its contents.

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Print name

Signature

Date

## Appendix C: Waiver, Release and Hold Harmless Agreement

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Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of the voluntary performance of my participation in the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Survey on Usage and Functionality of Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Detectors in Households, which is being conducted at my residence, located at <ADDRESS> I, on behalf of myself, and all members of family, as well as my heirs, executors, administrators or successors, hereby waive any claim or cause of action of any nature that I have, or in the future may have, against any and all individual or organizational participants in the CPSC Survey on Usage and Functionality of Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Detectors in Households, including but not limited to CPSC and EurekaFacts, LLC, its agents or employees, which claim or cause of action grows out of or results from increased levels of carbon monoxide, a fire or other damage, following the testing and inspection of one or more of the smoke and or carbon monoxide detectors, in addition one or more of the following action(s):

1. Replaced batteries
2. Provided new CO detector(s)
3. Provided new smoke detector(s)
4. Collected faulty CO detector(s)
5. Collected faulty smoke detector(s)
6. Took no additional action
7. Obtained photograph of smoke/ carbon monoxide detector(s) (Device only)

I further hereby agree to release and hold harmless any and all organizational and individual participants including the **[Partner Name]** and municipality of **[MUNICIPALITY NAME]** in the CPSC Survey on Usage and Functionality of Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Detectors in Households from and against all damages of any kind, to persons or property, growing out of or resulting from a fire or increased levels of carbon monoxide in my referenced home.

I acknowledge having read, understood, and agreed to the above waiver, and release.

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| Print name | Signature | Date |
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| Witness (Print name) | Signature | Date |
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\*This form generally indicates that the occupant or owner of the property agrees to waive his or her rights to sue any individual, any municipality and any other organizations or individuals involved in the safety inspection of this home, if a fire or increased levels of carbon monoxide occurs after the inspection. The purpose of the waiver is to protect the individual or any of the organizations involved against liability arising from the home fire inspection. This statement is intended for information only, the terms of the waiver themselves shall prevail if there are any questions. You should seek advice if you do not understand this waiver.