
FORT CAMPBELL ENVIRONMENTAL HANDBOOK
Guidance and Instruction
DISPOSAL OF SMOKE DETECTORS
(TAB 16)

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1. **Purpose and Scope:**

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide information on the disposal of smoke detectors/smoke alarms.

2. **Reference:** None

3. **Definitions:** None

4. **General:**

a. Smoke detectors/smoke alarms are used throughout Fort Campbell in quarters, barracks, administrative offices, industrial operations and commercial type facilities. The detectors are found mounted on the ceilings, in concealed areas, in HVAC duct work and in many other areas.

b. Most detectors/alarms are manufactured with a small quantity of radioactive material.

c. Detectors are frequently removed and/or taken out of service for some of the following reasons:

1) Demolition or reconstruction of a building.

2) The detector malfunctions.

3) The existing system is improved.

4) The existing detector is not compatible with the new installation.

5. **Responsibility:**

a. PWBC is responsible for maintenance of most of the facilities at the installation and will ultimately handle the proper turn-in of the detectors they replace and take out of service.

b. Each EQO should be aware of any work being performed in his facilities that would involve replacement of detectors. The EQO should ensure that the detector is being disposed properly.

c. Tenants, NAF operations, and anyone on the Fort Campbell installation should ensure all detectors for disposed of properly.

6. **Instructions:**

a. All detectors collected should be turned in to the Installation Radiation Safety Officer.

b. They should be placed in a clear plastic bag (up to 25 detectors per bag are allowed), and shall be marked "Used Smoke Detectors".

7. **Additional Guidance:**

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- a. For additional guidance and information, and answers to your questions, contact the Installation Radiation Safety Officer, 798-6789.
- b. For future reference, place this document behind *Tab Number 16* in your Fort Campbell Environmental Handbook.