

# 4 ways to identify fake smoke alarms



**Product name or certification label is missing** on the box or product itself.

Use of the words **“approved”** or **“pending”** instead of **“listed”** or **“classified.”**

**Misspellings** on the product packaging.

**Lack of product manuals** or no toll-free number to report problems.

## Legitimate UL labels for smoke alarms should have:

The **UL trademark** in a circle, with the letter L lower than the U.

The **product’s identity**, e.g., Class 3 power supply (this is optional).

A control or **issue number**.



**LISTED** written out in capital letters.

Products that have been certified to meet standards **undergo rigorous testing by an independent laboratory.**

**Without this certification,** a consumer may have doubts about whether the product or system meets the criteria or has been assessed for how it will perform.