Home Fire Safety

FACT SHEET
Smoke Alarms
Rental Properties

From 1 May 2016 ALL smoke alarms in rental properties are required by law to be either mains powered or have a 10 year non-removable battery.

The tenant and the property owner share responsibility to ensure alarms work.

**Property Owner Responsibilities**
- **Install** either mains powered or 10 year non-removable battery alarms.
- **Clean, test** and ensure all alarms are operating prior to new occupancy.
- **Replace** back up batteries in mains powered smoke alarms.
- **Replace** alarms every 10 years.

**Tenant Responsibilities**
- **Test and clean** alarms.
- **Report faults** to owner/manager.
- **Notify** owner/manager of any fire safety concerns.

For further advice

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**Important**
To best protect your tenants and your investment, fire services **strongly recommend** placing a smoke alarm in each sleeping area (bedroom), hallway, living area and at the top of stairways.

**Interconnect smoke alarms** so when one goes off they all go off alerting your tenants as quickly as possible if there is fire.

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