



Tasmania Fire Service

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

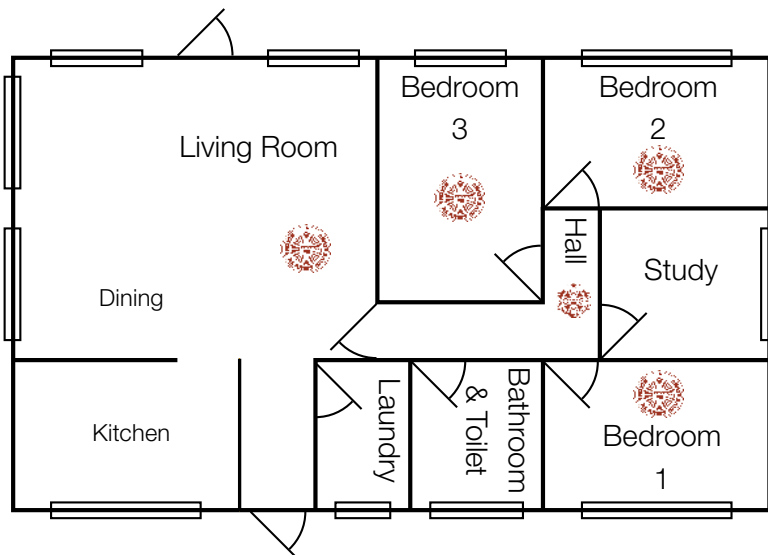
- **Install** either mains powered or 10 year non-removable battery alarms.
- **Clean, test** and ensure all alarms are operating prior to new occupancy.
- **Replace** back up batteries in mains powered smoke alarms.
- **Replace** alarms every **10 years**.

Tenant Responsibilities

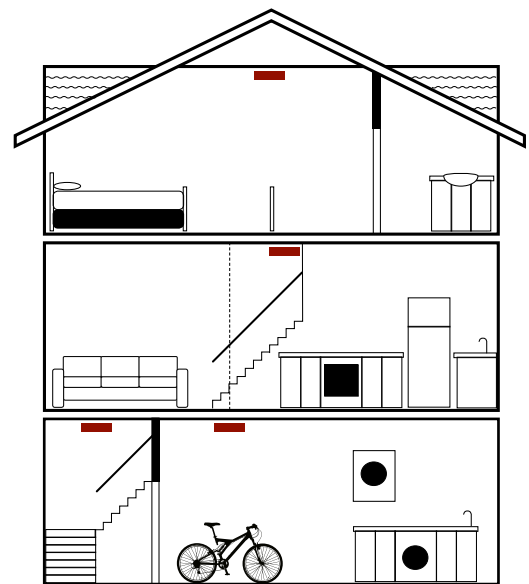
- **Test and clean** alarms.
- **Report faults** to owner/manager.
- **Notify** owner/manager of any fire safety concerns.

For further advice

www.consumer.tas.gov.au/renting/smoke_alarms



 – Smoke Alarm



Generally, in a rental property a smoke alarm must be installed in every hallway near a bedroom and on each level of a multi-storey home. These are minimum requirements and owners are encouraged to install additional smoke alarms to increase the level of early warning for tenants in the event of a fire.

Important

Fire Services **strongly recommend** placing a smoke alarm in each sleeping area (bedroom), hallway, living area and at the top of stairways.