



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

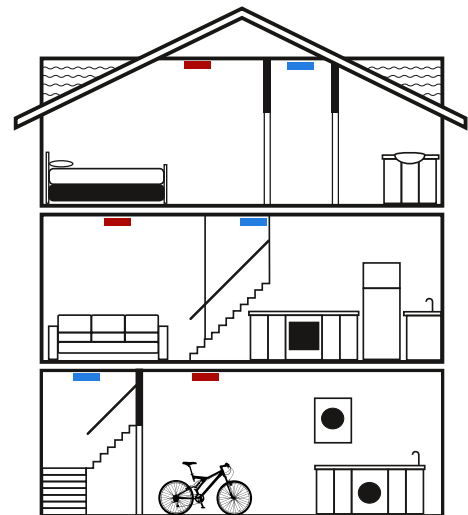
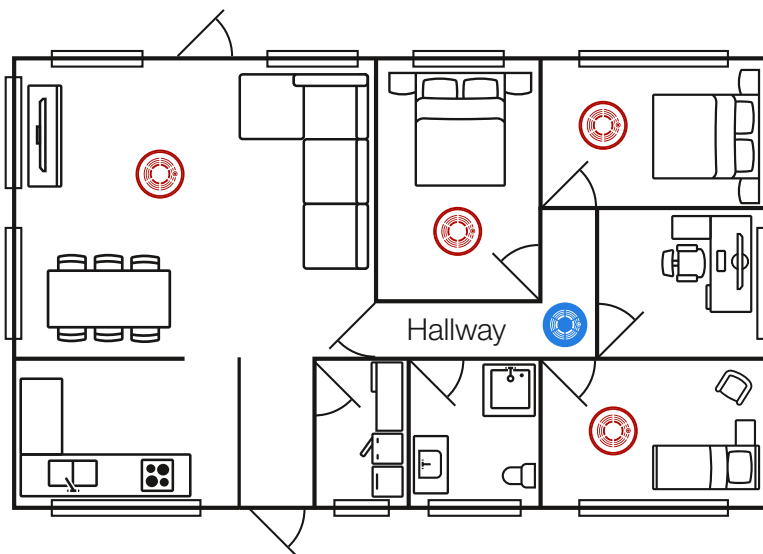
- **Install** either mains powered or 10 year non-removable battery alarms.
- **Clean, test** and ensure all alarms are operating prior to new occupancy.
- **Replace** back up batteries in mains powered smoke alarms.
- **Replace** alarms every **10 years**.

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



Required by Law:

- A smoke alarm in all hallways.
- A smoke alarm at the top of all stairways.



Recommended:

- All locations shown above.

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.