

Concerned about Safety?



SMOKE ALARMS

Information for Tenants

Smoke Alarms are Required by Law

Rental premises must be fitted with smoke alarms, which will generally be located in a corridor or hallway on each storey of the premises.

At the beginning of a tenancy the owner must ensure, that alarms function effectively, neither alarms nor batteries have reached their expiry date and will not do so within 30 days of the tenancy commencing, and that alarms are free from dust and debris.

Smoke alarms can be standard 9V battery operated until 30 April 2016. It is the tenants responsibility to replace this style of battery.

From 1 May 2016 smoke alarms will be required to be either mains powered or contain a 10-year non-removable battery, replacement of this style of battery is the owner's responsibility.

For details on the number and placement of the smoke alarms and the responsibility for testing, see the Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading [Facts and Information Sheet](#).

USEFUL CONTACTS

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