

Smoke Alarm Fact Sheet for Tenants (WA)



✓ Legal Requirements

- All rental properties must have smoke alarms installed that:
 - Are in working order.
 - Are hardwired to mains power (with battery backup) OR are 10-year lithium battery alarms if mains power is not feasible.
 - Comply with AS 3786:2014 (Australian Standard).

! What to Look For

- Check the expiry date (on the back of the alarm).
- Listen for **warning chirps** (usually means low battery or expired alarm).
- Make sure alarms are located:
 - In every hallway near bedrooms.
 - In every storey of a multi-level dwelling.

🔧 Landlord's Responsibilities

- Install compliant smoke alarms **before a tenant moves in**.
- Replace alarms **every 10 years** or sooner if faulty.
- Test alarms and replace batteries (if applicable) **before the tenancy starts**.
- Maintain alarms in **working condition** throughout the tenancy.

🧹 Tenant's Responsibilities

- Test alarms **every month** by holding down the test button until you hear a loud alert tone, then release. Use a broom handle if you cannot reach but be careful you do not damage the smoke alarm.
- Maintain the smoke alarm by dusting with a soft brush to remove dust and cobwebs. Spraying surface insect around the smoke alarm can prevent insects nesting inside.
- **Report any faults or issues** with smoke alarms to **HOME IN PLACE** immediately.
- **Do not remove or tamper** with smoke alarms.
- Replace 9-volt user-replaceable batteries **annually**.

🧯 Fire Safety Tips

- Create and practice a **home fire escape plan**.
- Keep exits **clear and accessible**.
- **Never disable a smoke alarm** – it's your first line of defence.

☎ Need Help?

- Contact **HOME IN PLACE** for maintenance or concerns.
 - **CALL 1300 333 733 24 hours 7 days**
- For more info, visit the Department of Fire and Emergency Services www.dfes.wa.gov.au