

Home Fire Safety

FACT SHEET



Tasmania Fire Service

Home Security

We use locks and other security measures to keep intruders out of our homes, but we have to be careful that we don't trap ourselves inside.

If there is a fire in your house, you and your loved ones need to be able to get out quickly and safely.

TFS recommends that:

- Windows and locks must be easy to open from the inside to allow a quick escape.
- Make sure everyone can use security-barred doors and windows or discuss with family members other ways out of the house.
- The best option is to install deadlocks that can be opened from the inside without keys.
- When you're home, don't deadlock your doors unless the key is left in the lock.
- Limit the number of keys needed to open deadlocks.



Hot tips



Smoke alarms provide an early warning of a fire to give you time to escape safely. But **only working smoke alarms save lives**. Have one in every hallway, living area, garage, on every storey, and **where anyone sleeps**.



Develop a home fire escape plan for your home and talk about it with everybody in the house. **Practise** it at least twice a year.



For people in rental properties, it is important to **talk to your landlord** before making changes to locks.

Remember, if there is a fire it will be dark and smokey and keys will be hard to find.

