

Home Fire Safety

FACT SHEET



Tasmania Fire Service

Smoke alarms in rental properties.



! 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 lithium battery photoelectric smoke 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.

Hot tips

 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.

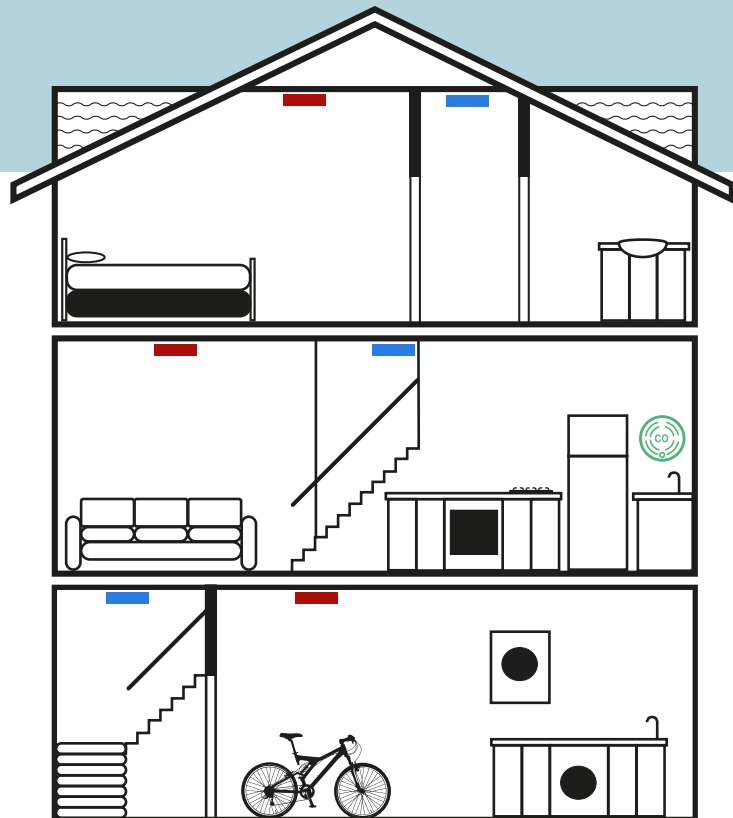
 Interconnect smoke alarms so when one goes off they all go off alerting you and your family as quickly as possible if there is a fire.



To find out more, go to
[www.cbos.tas.gov.au/topics/housing/renting/
beginning-tenancy/smoke-alarms](http://www.cbos.tas.gov.au/topics/housing/renting/beginning-tenancy/smoke-alarms)





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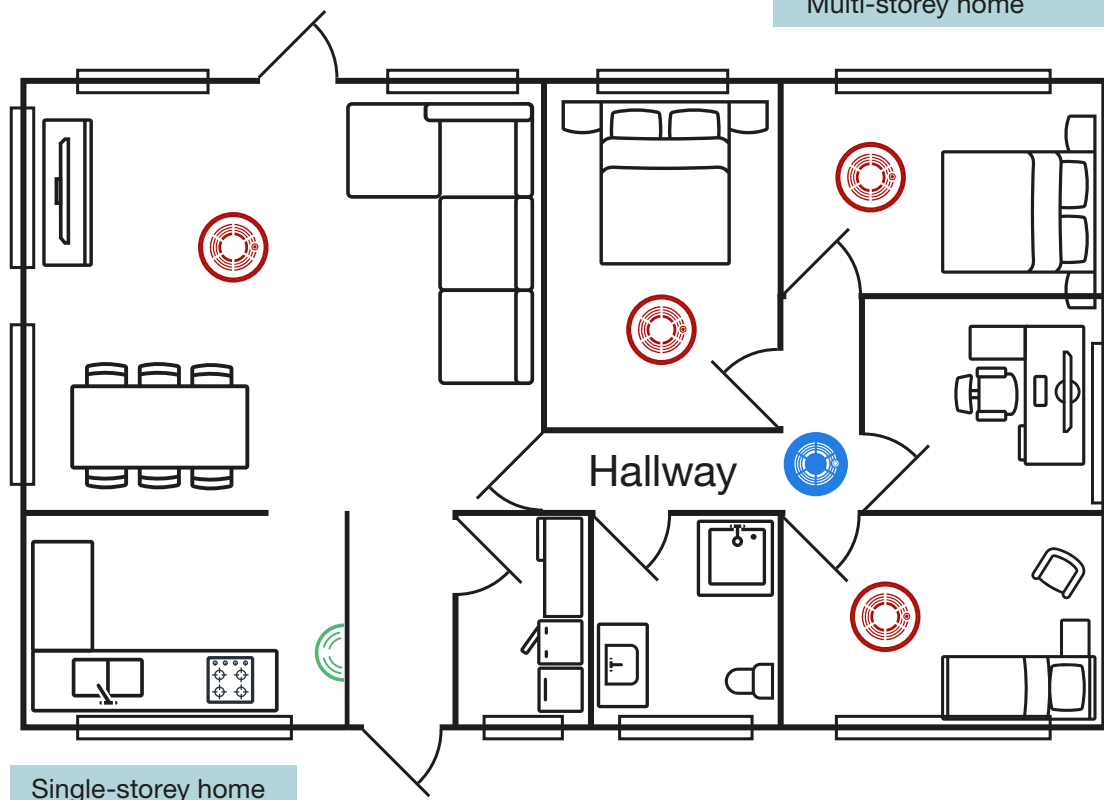
Multi-storey home

Placing smoke alarms

 **Required by law:** A smoke alarm in all hallways.
— A smoke alarm at the top of all stairways.

 **Tasmania Fire Service recommends:**
— These extra locations.

 **Tasmania Fire Service recommends:**
— Carbon monoxide alarms for gas appliances and wood heaters.



Single-storey home

Some smoke alarms may need to be installed by a qualified electrician. Always follow the manufacturer's recommendations.

