

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.



Tenants and property owners **share responsibility under Tasmanian law** to ensure smoke 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
- Install a smoke alarm in every hallway or corridor connected to bedrooms and on every storey in multi-storey properties.

Tenant responsibilities:

- **Test and clean** alarms during occupancy
- **Report faults** to owner/manager
- **Notify** owner/manager of any fire safety concerns.

Hot tips



To best protect your tenants and your investment, Tasmania Fire Service strongly recommends placing a smoke alarm in each sleeping area (bedroom), hallway, living area, garage and on every storey in multi-storey homes.

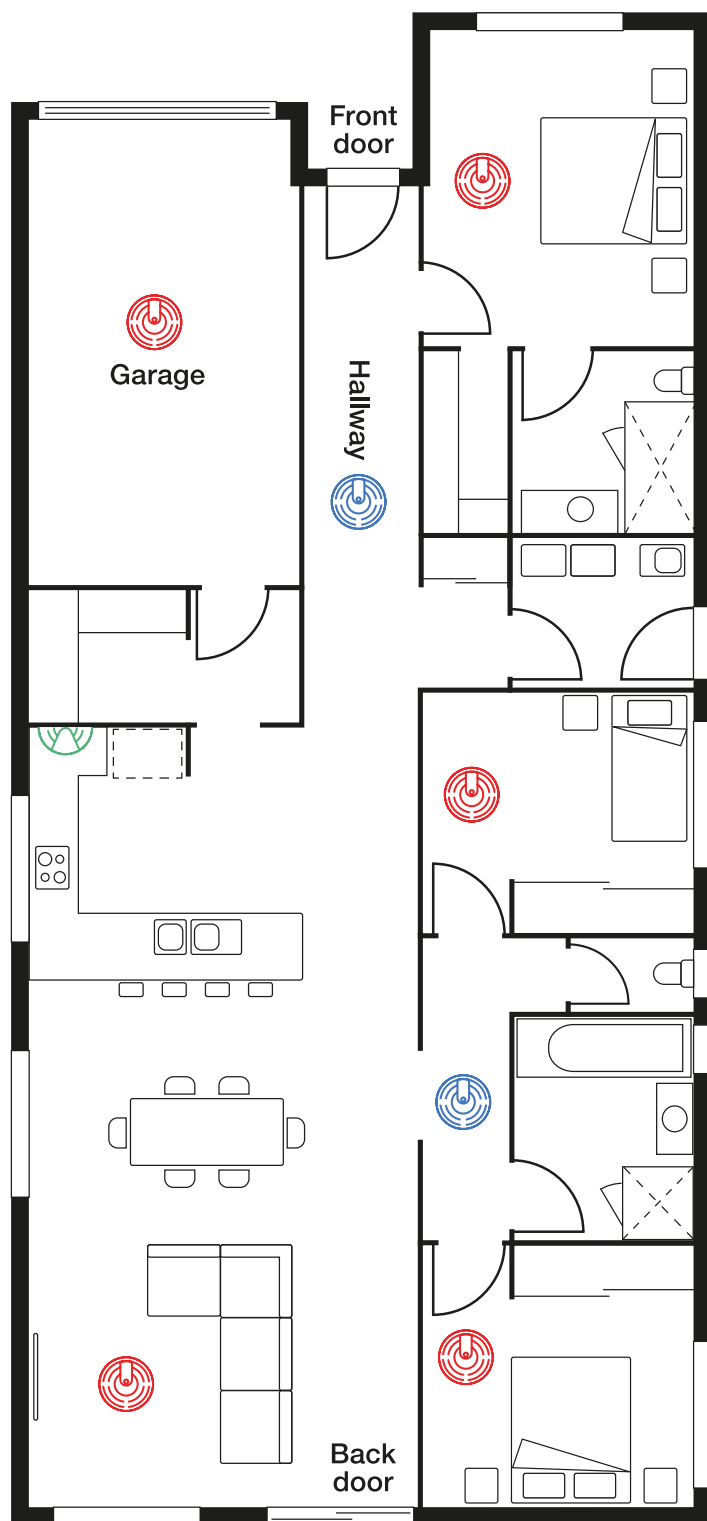


Interconnect smoke alarms so when one goes off they all go off alerting you and your family as quickly as possible if there is a fire.

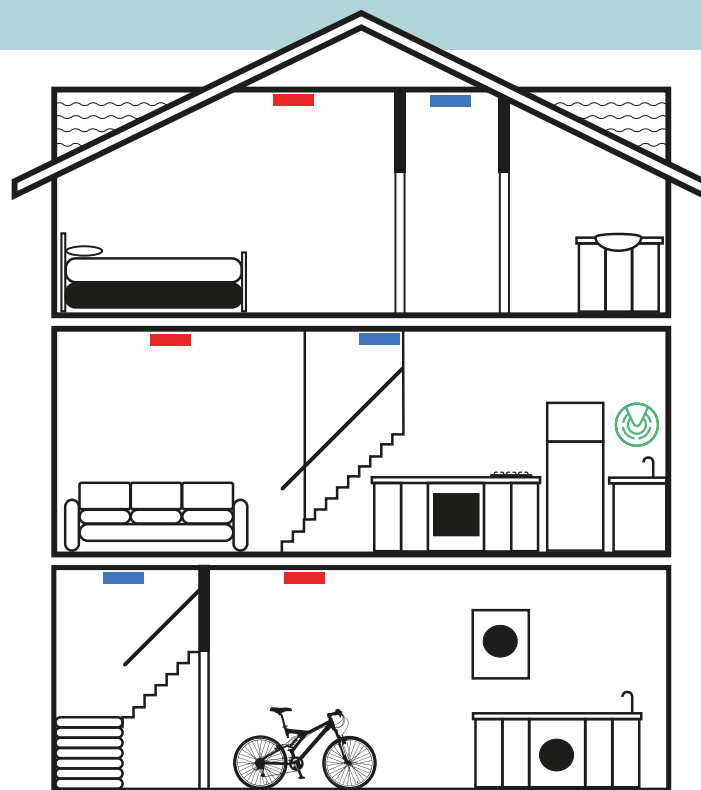


To find out more, go to
cbos.tas.gov.au/topics/housing/renting/beginning-tenancy/smoke-alarms

Smoke alarm placement guide:



Single storey home



Multi-storey home



Smoke alarms required by law
(minimum legal requirements)



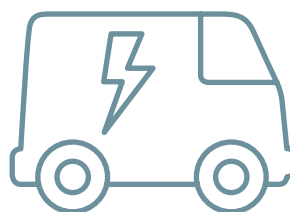
Additional smoke alarms recommended
by Tasmania Fire Service



Carbon monoxide alarms recommended
by Tasmania Fire Service



For more information on smoke
alarm placement, see the
[Smoke Alarms Fact Sheet](#)



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