

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
- Smoke alarms are required to be installed in all hallways and at the top of all stairways.

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 at the top of stairways 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.






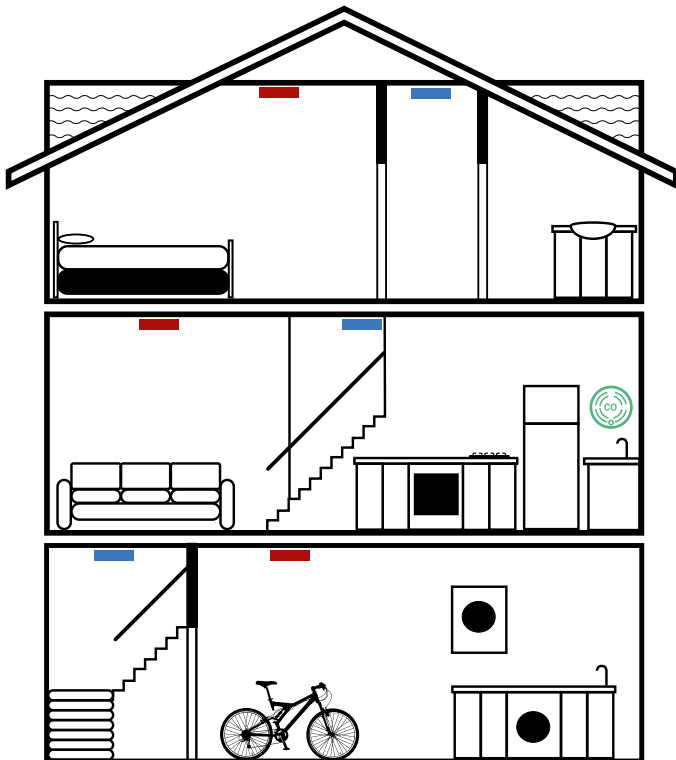
To find out more, go to cbos.tas.gov.au/topics/housing/renting/beginning-tenancy/smoke-alarms



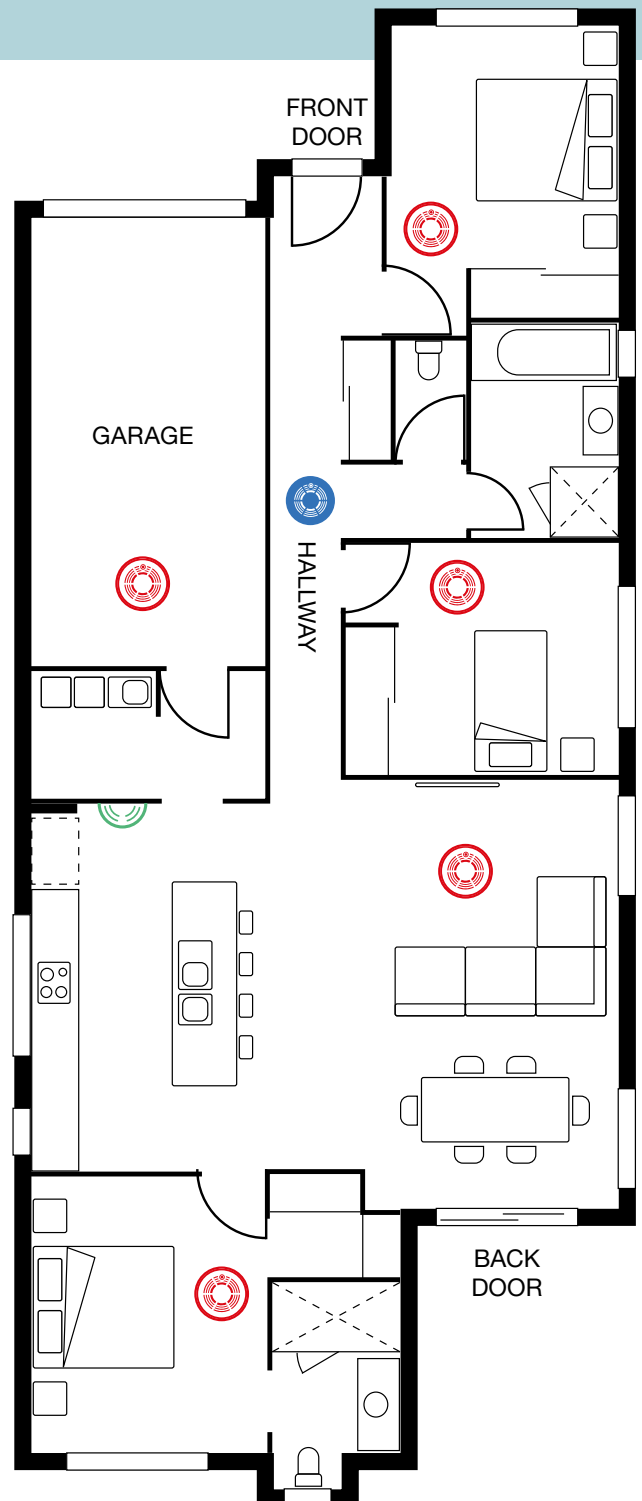
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Placing smoke alarms

-  **Required by law:** A smoke alarm in all hallways. A smoke alarm at the top of all stairways in multi-storey homes.
-  **Tasmania Fire Service recommends:** Smoke alarms in these extra locations.
-  **Tasmania Fire Service recommends:** Carbon monoxide alarms for gas appliances and wood heaters.



Multi-storey home



Single-storey home

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

