

# Home Fire Safety

## FACT SHEET



Tasmania Fire Service

## Smoke alarms


**! REMEMBER: only working smoke alarms save lives!**

You are more likely to die in a house fire without a working smoke alarm, especially when sleeping. When you're asleep, you lose your sense of smell.

A working smoke alarm provides you with early warning of a fire and gives you time to escape safely.



## The Tasmania Fire Service recommends:

-  **Install smoke alarms in every room where someone sleeps.** Also install them in hallways, living areas, the garage, and at the top of stairs
-  Install photoelectric smoke alarms with a **10-year long-life lithium battery**
-  Have interconnected smoke alarms so that if any alarm activates, all smoke alarms will sound
-  Check smoke alarms and replace batteries when daylight savings ends (in autumn)
-  Consider carbon monoxide alarms for rooms that have gas appliances or wood heaters
-  Install smoke alarms in all caravans, boats and other mobile property where people might sleep
-  **Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.** Purchase an alarm that meets Australian Standards.






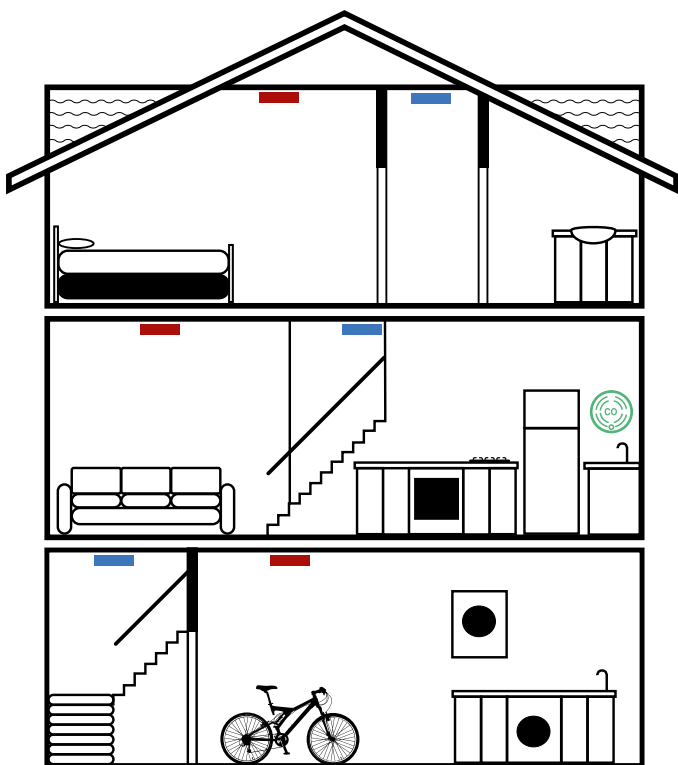
Install on a ceiling on each level of the house at least 30cm away from the wall or any other objects.



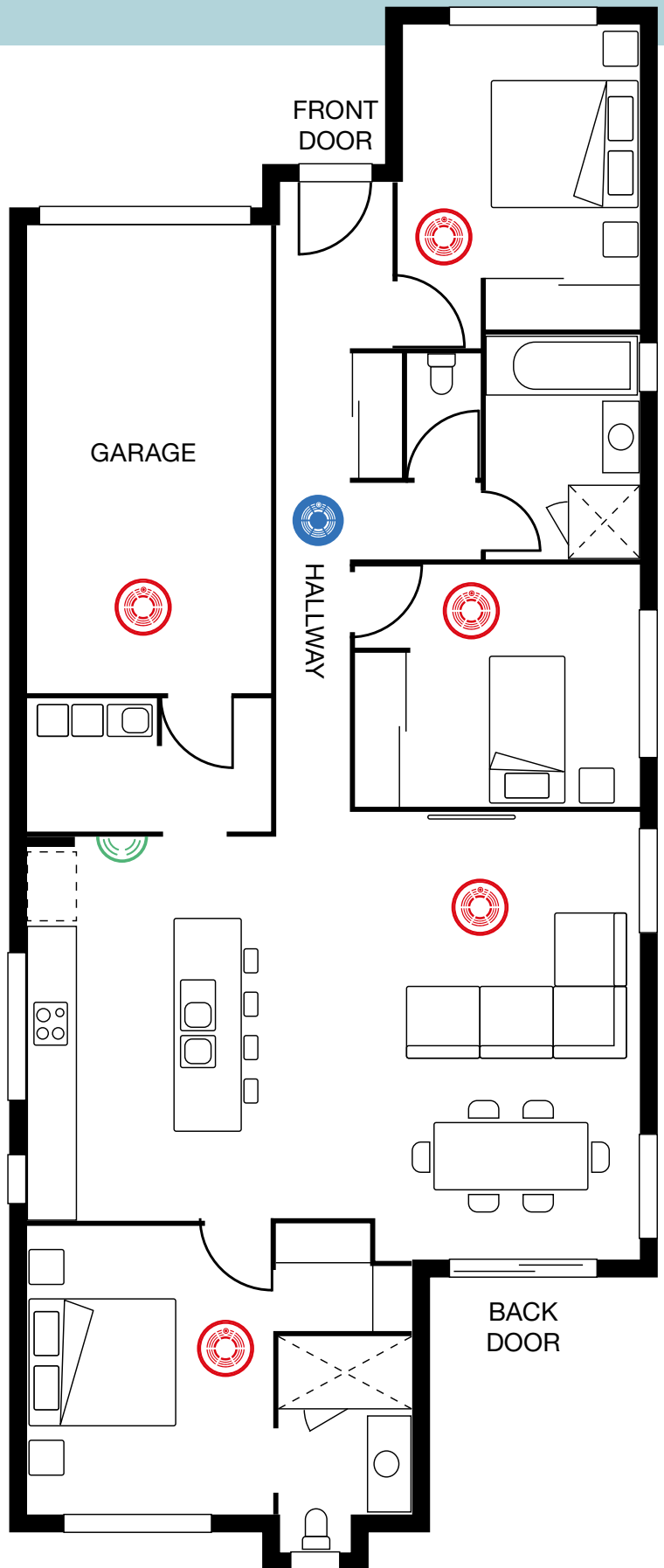
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## Placing smoke alarms

-  **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