

Only working smoke alarms save lives. A working smoke alarm provides you with an early warning of a fire and gives you time to escape safely. Under Victorian law, every home must have at least one smoke alarm on each level.

## SMOKE ALARM SAFETY TIPS

- Purchase photoelectric smoke alarms with long life lithium batteries
- Replace your smoke alarm if it is more than ten years old
- Test your smoke alarm each month, and clean them annually
- Change your 9 volt smoke alarm batteries each year. A good reminder is to change the batteries at the end of daylight savings when you change your clocks
- Make sure your smoke alarm complies with Australian Standard AS3786 and the Building Code of Australia.
- Help your elderly family, friends and neighbours to test their smoke alarms each month

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE RENTING

It is the tenant's responsibility to regularly test and clean the smoke alarm. Landlords are responsible for installing and maintaining smoke alarms (including changing smoke alarm batteries)

## SMOKE ALARMS FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

Special smoke alarms are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. These feature a flashing strobe light and a vibrating pad that can be placed under the pillow to activate when the alarm sounds. For further details visit [vicdeaf.com.au](http://vicdeaf.com.au)