

Smoke alarms

By law, all residential properties in Victoria must have working smoke alarms.

Victorian Fire Services recommend smoke alarms with a 10-year lithium battery so you don't need to change the battery annually.

We recommend that smoke alarms are interconnected so when any alarm activates, all smoke alarms will sound. This can provide vital seconds for you and your loved ones to escape in the event of a fire.



Test monthly

- Press the button
- Hold until the alarm beeps



Dust annually

- Dust or vacuum around cover of smoke alarm
- If applicable, replace your smoke alarm battery annually



Replace every 10 years

- All smoke alarms (hard-wired and battery powered) need to be replaced every 10 years.

Where do I install my smoke alarms?

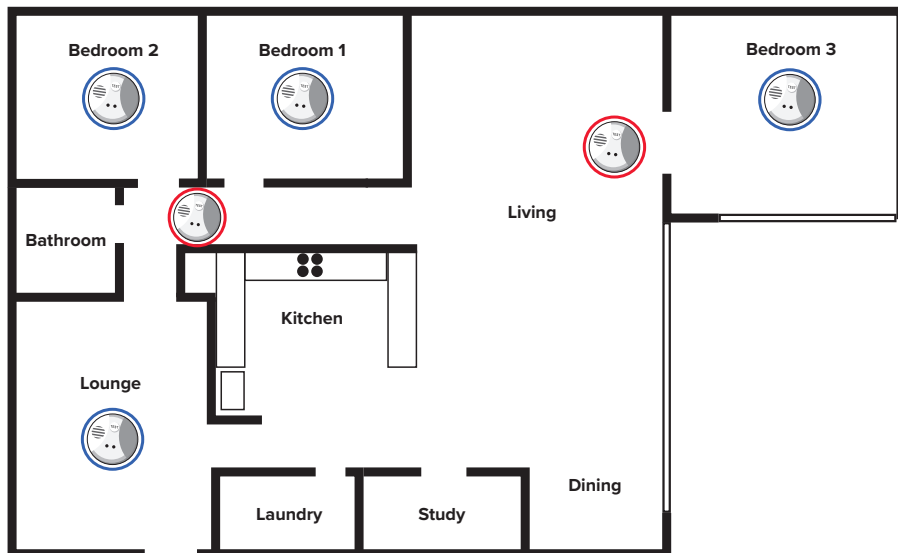
- By law, smoke alarms must be located outside each sleeping area and on each level of a house.
- Victorian Fire Services recommend installing smoke alarms in bedrooms, living areas and hallways.
- Smoke alarms should be installed on the ceiling at least 30cm from the wall, preferably in the centre of the ceiling.
- Smoke alarms must meet Australian Standard AS3786.



By law, smoke alarms must be installed between each sleeping area and the rest of the house.



Victorian Fire Services recommends installing additional smoke alarms in all bedrooms and living areas.



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