Smoke alarms

By law, all residential properties in Victoria must have at least one smoke alarm installed on each level.

MFB and CFA recommend photoelectric smoke alarms with a 10-year lithium battery in a tamper proof chamber.

- Photoelectric smoke alarms are more effective and less prone to false alarms.
- They can be standalone (not connected to 240v mains power) or hard-wired (connected to 240v mains power).

Test Monthly
- Press the button
- Hold until the alarm beeps three times

Dust Annually
- Dust or gently wipe around cover of smoke alarm
  * If applicable, replace your smoke alarm battery annually

Replace Every 10 Years
- All smoke alarms (hard-wired and standalone) need to be replaced
Where do I install my smoke alarm?

- Smoke alarms should be installed on the ceiling at least 30cm from the wall.
- Smoke alarms must be between each sleeping area and the rest of the house.
- Smoke alarms should be inside any room where someone sleeps with the door shut.
- Smoke alarms must meet Australian Standard AS3786.

![Diagram showing locations for smoke alarms]

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