

SMOKE ALARMS: IT'S THE LAW

If there is a fire in your home... Get out. Stay out. Call 9-1-1 right away.



Have a working smoke alarm on every storey of your home and outside all sleeping areas. It is the responsibility of homeowners to install and maintain smoke alarms. It is also the responsibility of landlords to ensure their rental properties comply with the law.



Replace smoke alarms that are more than 10 years old, including those that are hardwired/electrical.



Tenants of a rental home **MUST** notify the landlord as soon as they become aware that:

- A smoke alarm in their home is disconnected.
- A smoke alarm in their home is not operating or impaired.

Tenants **MUST NOT** disable a smoke alarm. It's against the law!



When possible, install interconnected smoke alarms. When one sounds, they all sound, alerting residents on each storey of the home.



When replacing interconnected smoke alarms, it is recommended to replace all units in the system at the same time. If you need to replace a single malfunctioning alarm, make sure the new alarm is compatible with the existing units.



For added protection, install smoke alarms in all bedrooms.



If your smoke alarm frequently activates when you're cooking, **DO NOT REMOVE THE BATTERY OR ALARM**. Consider moving the alarm to another location or replacing it with a photoelectric unit.



Test smoke alarms monthly by pushing and holding the test button.



Install smoke alarms and alert devices that meet the needs of people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Such devices include flashing strobe lights for visual alerts, and a pillow or bed shaker activated by the sound of a standard smoke alarm.



Replace batteries at least once a year or when the alarm chirps.

Consider using alarms that have a worry-free 10-year lithium battery.

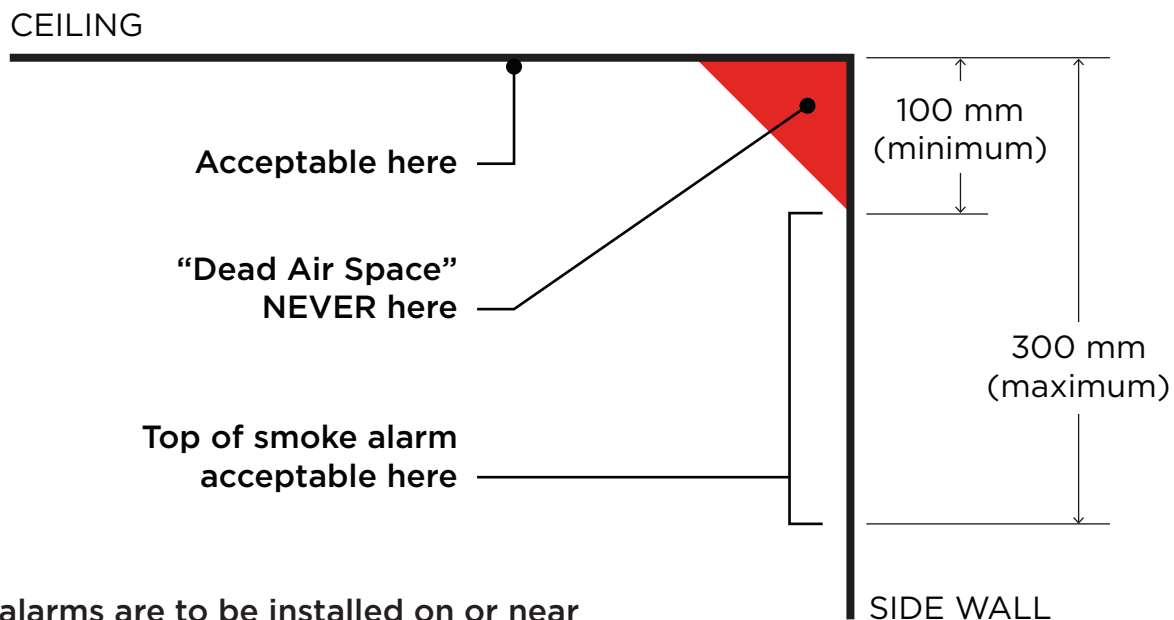


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Buy Them - Install Them - Test Them

WHERE SHOULD I INSTALL MY SMOKE ALARM?

Install the smoke alarm on or near the ceiling or as indicated in the manufacturer's installation instructions.



Smoke alarms are to be installed on or near the ceilings and not within dead air space

If you install a smoke alarm in the wrong spot, its response to smoke could be delayed or it may not sound an alarm at all.