



SMOKE ALARM SAFETY

June 2026 - Test, Clean, Check & Replace

Most homes have a smoke alarm installed, but it's easy to forget about it once it's up on the ceiling. Without regular checks, cleaning and replacement, it may not work when you need it most.

Why Smoke Alarms Matter

A working smoke alarm gives you an early warning if there's a fire, often before you can see or smell smoke.

That extra time can make all the difference, especially at night when everyone is asleep.

Even if you already have smoke alarms installed, they still need regular testing, cleaning and replacement.

If they are not looked after, your smoke alarms may not work when you need them most.

A few simple checks can help keep your home and loved ones safer.

Common Issues

- Smoke alarms older than 10 years
- Flat or missing batteries
- Smoke alarms that haven't been tested recently
- Dust or insects affecting how the alarm works
- Smoke alarms removed or disconnected after false alarms
- Smoke alarms painted over during renovations
- Not being sure how to check or maintain them

Safety Tips to Reduce Risk

- Press the **test** button to make sure your alarm is working
- Give it a quick **clean** to remove dust or insects
- **Check** the **battery** (including any backup battery)
- Make sure alarms are in the right places, especially near bedrooms
- **Replace** any alarm that isn't working properly or is more than **10 years** old



Let's Take Action This Month

In June, take a few minutes to **Test, Clean, Check and Replace**. Simple actions that could save your life.

- ✓ **Test** your smoke alarm by pressing the button until your smoke alarm makes a sound.
- ✓ **Clean** your smoke alarm using the soft brush on your vacuum cleaner.
- ✓ **Check** the replacement date on your smoke alarm.
- ✓ **Replace** smoke alarms if they are more than **10 years** old.
- ✓ **Check** what type of battery your smoke alarm uses, including backup batteries.
- ✓ **Replace** 9-volt alkaline batteries every year.

Let's Work Together to Keep Our Homes and Community Safe

A working **smoke alarm** can give you the time you need to get out safely. Take a few minutes this month to make sure yours is ready.

When we all take action, we help protect our families, neighbours and community.