

Protect Your Investment Smoke and CO Alarms

Landlords must test smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors:

- Annually
- After tenancy ends
- Before tenancy begins
- After changing batteries
- After a change made to the electric circuit that powers alarm
- Inspect all fuel burning appliances annually

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Landlords must:

- Keep smoke and CO detectors in operating condition
- Maintain the source of power for detectors that plug in
- Give tenants maintenance instructions for all detectors
- Ensure all outside appliance vents are not blocked

Tenants must:

- Notify the landlord/property manager if some or CO detectors stop working
- Disabling smoke or CO detectors is prohibited

[Click here for more information on carbon monoxide detector requirements](#)

Extra Tip!

Smoke detectors next to sleeping areas must have an alarm loud enough to be heard when doors are closed. If the manufacturer does not suggest placing the smoke detector at a certain height, install it on or near the ceiling.

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