



Smoke Alarms

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish the responsibilities of the Housing Trust and tenants' with regard to testing standards and maintenance of smoke alarms within Housing Trust properties.

2. Policy

This policy does not cover leasehold properties.

It is the responsibility of the Housing Trust to test smoke alarms annually, generally during routine property inspections. Tenants are responsible for replacing batteries in smoke alarms during their tenancy and advising the Housing Trust if the smoke alarm is not functioning correctly.

3. Tenancy

At commencement of the tenancy all smoke alarms will be tested. The Housing Trust is responsible for common areas or stairwells where they are above the standard height. Tenants can request assistance to replace smoke alarms located in difficult to reach positions or above standard heights. Tenants may be charged if a smoke alarm is damaged or missing.