
Recommended Smoke Alarm Maintenance

Please take note of the following tips to ensure the most trouble free operation of your smoke alarm(s).

- At least once a year replace the back up battery. Use an average battery over a super charged heavy duty version. The extra weight can affect the performance of the alarm and the life of the battery.
- On a monthly basis (as a minimum) vacuum your smoke alarm all over. If you know how to remove the alarm from the ceiling then carefully do so. Otherwise you can ask us to show you next time we are at your place. Regular cleaning removes dust particles from in and around the alarm.
- Ensure your roof space is clean. Dirt and dust in the roof will work its way into the alarm and interfere with its correct operation.
- Use a surface insect spray to carefully spray around not into the smoke alarm. This keeps insects and spiders from nesting in the alarm. They love the warmth in the unit.
- Carry out regular testing of the alarm. With the 240 volt power available to the alarm press and hold the test button on the alarm. If you have other interlinked alarms hold the button until all other alarms are sounding off also. Then release the button. Be warned... if your ear is near the alarm, it will be loud! It is recommended you protect your ears when testing the alarms. It is also considerate to warn others who may be around the other alarms. Repeat this process for each alarm (even if they are interlinked).
- Once all the alarms have been tested with power available you should test the alarms work with no power available. Generally the alarms will be powered from a lighting circuit. There is usually a green indicator on the alarm which shows that 240 volt power is available to the alarm. Isolate the power to (all) the alarms. Again feel free to ask us how next time we are out at your place. When power is isolated (and the green indicator has gone) repeat the testing procedure above for all alarms. Remember to restore power once testing is complete.
- After the alarms have been activated they may chirp occasionally for a little while after. This is normal. If it persists check 240 volt power is available (green indicator) and/or replace the back up battery(s). If problems still persist then call your friendly electrician.
- It may seem like a lot of work but these alarms are very smart yet very sensitive and need a little TLC. This regular maintenance will help ensure your alarm works when you need it to and limit the 'false alarms'.

For any assistance with any of your electrical needs you are always welcome to call us on 9939 1764. We will be more than happy to help.