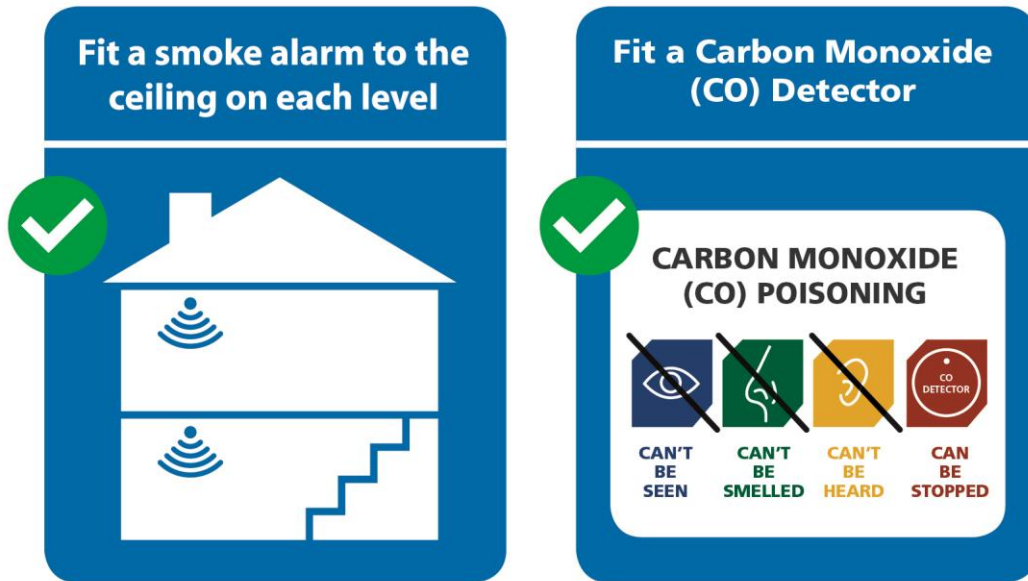




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Fire & Rescue Service

Tenants' Safety

Private rented accommodation



The Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Regulations changed on 1st October 2015. This is what the changes mean to landlords and tenants.

Landlords should...

- Provide and maintain a working smoke alarm on each level.
- Provide a carbon monoxide detector in every room with a solid fuel burning appliance such as wood burning fireplace or stove.
- Check you have access to escape routes at all times.
- Make sure any furniture or furnishings they supply are fire safe.

Tenants are advised to...

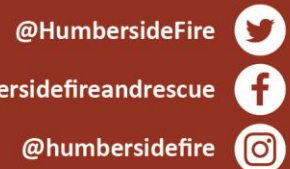
- Check smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms are working on a weekly basis.
- Keep escape routes clear at all times.
- Contact the local housing authority if the rented property is without either of these alarms.

Enforcement of the Regulations is the responsibility of the local housing authority, which can require landlords to fit alarms and if the landlord fails to do so they have the power to arrange for them to be fitted.

There is a power to levy a penalty charge on the landlord. The penalty is up to £5000.



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Housing Providers

Advice and guidance

Smoke Alarms:

- Need to be fitted to the ceiling, on every level of the home. Avoid putting them in the Kitchen or Bathroom.
- When using a battery smoke alarm, consider fitting an alarm with a 10 year sealed battery unit and replace full unit every 10 years.
- Keep them clean and clear of dust.
- Test all smoke alarms once a week to ensure they are working.

Fire Plan/Escape Routes:

- Close inside doors at night or when vacating the property.
- Make sure exits are kept clear of obstructions at all times.
- Keep door and window keys where everyone can find them.
- Have a planned escape route and make sure everyone in the property is aware of it.
- Consider storage, store possessions on stable surfaces and avoid stacking items to a height that they become unstable. **(A build up of newspapers and letters for example, stored in bulk are highly combustible and will cause fire to spread quickly as well as potentially block escape routes).**

Electrical Safety:

- Make sure all electrical equipment has a British or European Safety mark, avoid buying used goods, check the product recall list by visiting www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk/product-recalls
- Always read and follow manufacturers instructions.
- Regularly check appliances for signs of damage, loose wiring and over heating.
- Switch off appliances not designed to be left on when not in use.

Avoiding Deliberate Fires:

- All furniture and soft furnishings have fire retardant labelling.
- Doors and windows are in good repair and that they close properly and lock.
- Minimise the amount of rubbish left in and around the property.
- Store wheelie bins securely and where possible away from the property. Fit a wheelie bin lock if possible.

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