

Maintaining Your Smoke Alarm

Smoke Alarm Safety Features	Maintenance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alarm Signal - 3 beeps every 4 seconds. - Operating Light (LED) - Light flashes approximately every 45 seconds to let you know that the unit is powered. - Low Battery Warning Beep - Approximately every 45 seconds for up to 30 days to alert you when a battery needs replacing. - Battery Removal Indicator - Cover resists closing if the battery is removed, (if equipped). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vacuum Every Six Months - Your smoke alarm should be cleaned every six months to help keep it working efficiently. Open the cover and gently vacuum interior of alarm. Keep vacuum nozzle from touching the unit. - Do not paint the smoke alarm. - Test Monthly - test the unit monthly by pressing the test button. Problems may be indicated if the alarm does not sound upon pressing the test button/cover. The alarm operating light remains steadily on or off (i.e. does not flash every 45 seconds, when the unit is not in alarm). The alarm beeps once every 45 seconds (Low Battery Warning).
Troubleshooting	Safety Tips
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If a problem is found with the smoke alarm, try the following: - Inspect the smoke alarm for obvious damage. - Gently vacuum as recommended above. - Check that batteries are properly connected or that the operating light flashes as indicated above. - Replace the battery. - If the problem still exists, contact the landlord immediately. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use smoking materials properly. Never smoke in bed. - Keep matches and lighters away from children. - Store flammable materials in proper containers. Never use them near open flame or sparks. - Keep electrical appliances in good condition. Do not overload electrical circuits. - Keep stoves, fireplaces, chimneys, and barbecue grills grease free. - Keep portable heaters and open flames such as candles away from combustible materials. - Do not allow rubbish to accumulate. - Keep an extra supply of batteries on hand for your battery powered smoke alarms. - NEVER DISCONNECT THE BATTERY OR THE AC POWER ON ANY TYPE OF SMOKE ALARM TO SILENCE A NUISANCE ALARM.