

Fire Safety

Advice for Landlords and Tenants

Single Occupancy Properties

It is a legal requirement for a smoke alarm be installed on each storey of a rented property.

Although battery operated smoke alarms are accepted, it is recommended that mains wired smoke alarms are installed, ideally interlinked with each other.

Further information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/smoke-and-carbon-monoxide-alarms-explanatory-booklet-for-landlords/the-smoke-and-carbon-monoxide-alarm-england-regulations-2015-ga-booklet-for-the-private-rented-sector-landlords-and-tenants>

Multi-Occupancy Properties

Higher risk properties occupied by multiple unrelated persons usually require more complex fire protection.

The following document provides guidance on the fire protection required in many different types of property:

<https://www.rla.org.uk/docs/LACORSFSguideApril62009.PDF>

Should you need some further advice please contact The Housing Standards Team.

Email: Housingstandards@midsussex.gov.uk

Tel: 01444 477292

Please note: Property occupied by more than 4 unrelated persons may require a 'House in Multiple Occupation' (HMO) licence. Please refer to our HMO licensing page for further information.

Advice for Home Owners

Safe and Well Home Visits

West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service offer a free Safe and Well visit to residents. This service involves a pre-arranged visit to your home to offer advice on how to make it safer and, where appropriate, fit smoke alarms or other specialist fire detection equipment free of charge.

For further information and to request a visit:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/west-sussex-fire-and-rescue-service/home-fire-safety/safe-and-well-visit/>

Further information

For further information on how to reduce the risk of fire in your home:

<https://firekills.campaign.gov.uk/>