SMOKE ALARMS

Smoke alarms are life-saving devices, capable of detecting smoke well before it would be detected by a sleeping occupant.

144 deaths occurred in house fires across NSW between 2000 and June 2005. Based on NSWFB Fire Investigation and Research Unit case study research, one third to a half of those fatalities may have been prevented if the homes had working smoke alarms and had a practised home escape plan.

From 1 May 2006, all NSW residents must have at least one working smoke alarm installed on each level of their home. This includes owner occupied, rental properties, relocatable homes or any other residential building where people sleep.

With the advancement of technology we now have the option of installing a flush mount, recessed, smoke alarm which is the same diameter of a standard low voltage down light size. Meaning a more stream line, sleek look where the smoke alarm blends into the ceiling.
Smoke alarms are required to have their battery replaced annually at a minimum. It is recommended that you change the battery at Daylight Saving Time.

Regular testing (not less than once per month) is strongly advised to ensure the battery and the alarm sounder are operating. This will also familiarize building occupants with the sound that is emitted when the unit detects smoke.

Generally, smoke alarms will sound a regular warning ‘beep’ if the battery needs replacing. Refer to manufacturer’s guide for exact warning details.

Smoke alarms should never be painted.

The date the smoke alarm was manufactured will be displayed. Smoke alarms have a maximum service life of ten years and need to be replaced.

Call us with any questions or queries you may have in regards to smoke alarms. We are always willing to work with the customer to keep your home and assets as safe as possible.