

SMOKE ALARM SUBSIDY SCHEME

HOW TO INSTALL YOUR NEW SMOKE ALARM

Installing the smoke detector, flashing strobe light and vibration pad (EIB650iRF and EIB170RFAU)

1. Smoke detector

First you need to decide where to put the smoke detector. It is important to know that enough smoke has to enter the smoke detector for it to alert you of a fire. The best place for your smoke detector is directly outside the bedroom in the hallway. Your smoke detector works best when it is no further than 7.5 metres from these areas and where air circulates well, away from corners and recesses. This is because you cannot smell smoke from a fire when you are sleeping.

The smoke alarm has a base plate. Remove it from the smoke detector by twisting it in an anti-clockwise direction. Hold the base plate against the ceiling and mark where you need to drill the holes. Drill two holes. Then use the two screws included to attach the base plate to your ceiling. Please refer to current state legislation to obtain mandatory smoke alarm requirements.

2. Flashing strobe light and vibration pad

Place the flashing strobe light on the bedside table, and the vibration pad under the pillow on the bed. Plug the flashing strobe light (with the connected vibration pad) into a power point (normally at the bedside table). You will see a green light on flashing strobe light.

3. Testing

The smoke alarm needs to be attached to the base before it can be tested. Twist the smoke alarm onto the base in a clockwise direction to activate the alarm and it will automatically and wirelessly connect with the flashing strobe light and vibration pad.

Press the "test" button on your flashing strobe light. It will flash and the vibrating pad will vibrate.

4. Maintenance

To make sure the alarm is working properly you should do two things every month:

- Vacuum around the vents on the detector on your ceiling
- Press the "test" button on the flashing strobe light

There is no need to change battery in the smoke alarm as it is a 10 year lithium battery. Remember to keep flashing strobe light plugged in (the back up battery lasts approximately one week). As this is a wireless system, the smoke detector, flashing strobe light and vibration pad can be taken with you if you move house.

5. Additional items

You can purchase an additional smoke detector, flashing strobe light, vibration pad and other items. Please contact Deaf Services via phone, (07) 3892 8500, fax (07) 3392 8511 or email smoke.alarms@deafservices.org.au.

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