

## SMOKE DETECTORS important information from Housing ACT

You will have recently received a booklet from Housing ACT regarding Fire Safety in your home.

The letter that accompanied the booklet provided advice about replacing the (9 volt) battery in your smoke detector once a year.

**\* It is important that you note that this information only applies to some older type smoke detectors.**

The majority of hardwired smoke detectors fitted to Housing ACT properties do not have (9 volt) batteries. Instead, they have a lithium rechargeable battery that is designed to last for 10 years.

**\* You should not attempt to access smoke detectors with lithium batteries under any circumstances.**

The lithium batteries are contained within the tamperproof construction of the smoke detector and should not be accessed by anyone other than the manufacturer or a licensed electrician, as there is a **risk of electric shock resulting in serious injury**.

As a general guide to identify the type of smoke detector in your home:

- Round smoke detectors are usually the older (9 Volt) battery type
- Square smoke detectors are usually the lithium 10 year battery type that do not require changing

If your home has been fitted with a smoke detector in the last three years it will be a lithium battery type and you do not need to change the battery.

**\* If you have already opened or attempted to open your lithium battery smoke detector, contact the Maintenance Call Centre on 62071500 URGENTLY.**

To ensure your smoke detector is providing the correct level of protection for you and your family:

- Check that the green light is on
- Carry out regular testing by gently pushing the test button in the center of the detector
- Clean the detector regularly by dusting or vacuuming around the detector

If you have an old “battery only” smoke detector, a round smoke detector — or have the slightest doubt about the type of smoke detector fitted in your home — please contact the Maintenance Call Centre on 62071500.

## Further Information

For more information, contact your Housing Manager or telephone the Community Services Directorate on 133 427.

**For more assistance on Housing ACT matters, please telephone 133 427.**

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