



Wait! Don't remove that smoke alarm!

PCA Guide to Smoke Alarm Troubleshooting

Common **problems** that may occur with your smoke alarms

False Alarm



A false alarm is the incorrect firing of the alarm. It occurs when a smoke alarm detects something which resembles smoke to its sensor, or due to another factor such as external electrical noise, very high or low humidity, or power surges.

Chirping Noises



Chirping noises are very quick, continual bursts of sound (that sound like a chirp) where the smoke alarm indicates there is either a fault in the smoke detection sensor, or a low battery condition.

Common **causes** for these problems

- Batteries that have a loose connector or are installed the wrong way around.
- Smoke alarm sensing chamber has become dirty or may contain foreign objects such as insects or dust.
- Environmental and weather conditions such as high humidity, steam, or condensation.



IMPORTANT

Smoke alarms that are damaged or removed could be charged to you the tenant. There are many different brands and types of smoke alarms available in the market. These alarms can range in price from \$39 to \$299 each depending on the brand and technology of those alarms. Should an alarm be removed or damaged during a tenancy period, the landlord would be entitled to pass through the cost of replacements to you the tenant.

Thank you for supporting Property Compliance Australia in the management and maintenance of your smoke alarms.