



## **SMOKE ALARM & WINDOW COVERING COMPLIANCE**



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# IMPROVING HOME SAFETY

## Smoke Alarm Compliance

Of the dozens of Australians who die in residential house fires each year, most die in fires that start at night when they are asleep. Instead of waking you, smoke and toxic gases from a fire quickly numb your senses and put you into an even deeper sleep.

Working smoke alarms are a simple way to warn you of a developing fire and give you time to escape. To comply with legislation, interconnected photoelectric smoke alarms are required. New smoke alarm legislation will make Queensland households the safest in Australia in relation to fire safety.

The new legislation specifies that all Queensland dwellings will be required to have interconnected photoelectric smoke alarms in all bedrooms, in hallways that connect bedrooms with the rest of the dwelling and on every level.

QFA&C provide a service to ensure your property is safe and complies with the new legislation.

## Corded Internal Window Coverings

In March 2014 the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission issued a new safety standard named the Competition and Consumer (Corded Internal Window Coverings) Safety Standard 2014 under the Competition and Consumer Act 2010.

This safety standard took effect as of January 1st 2015 and is to ensure the safety of children and infants with regards to the risk of strangulation from loop cord systems attached to window coverings including but not limited to vertical, venetian, roman blinds and curtains, curtain rods and tracking systems. Cords can be a rope, strap, string, chain, line or wire used to manipulate a corded window covering.

The ACCC deemed any window furnishings with cords able to form a loop of 220mm or greater that hang 1600mm or lower from the floor pose a possible risk of strangulation to a child therefore needs to be secured or tensioned to the wall at a height of 1600mm or greater from the floor.

## LANDLORD OBLIGATIONS



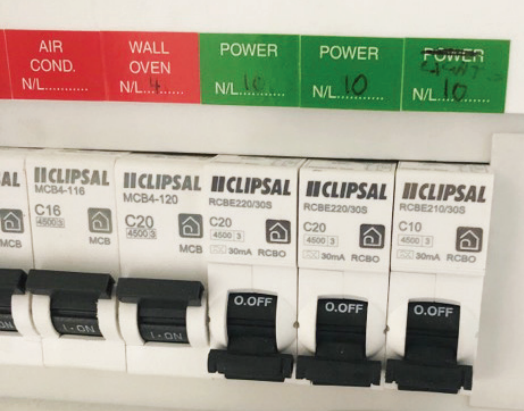
**Our Smoke Alarm Service provides peace of mind, as we will ensure your landlord obligations are undertaken and recorded.**

- As of January 2022, all QLD properties must have photoelectric smoke alarms which meet Australian Standard AS3786:2014. They must be interconnected and installed in each bedroom, in hallways that connect bedrooms and on each level.
- You must test and clean each smoke alarm within 30 days before the start of a tenancy agreement.
- You must replace each battery in the smoke alarm that is flat or that you or your agent is aware is almost flat within 30 days before the start of a tenancy.
- You must replace the smoke alarm unit before it reaches the end of its service life. Service life of a smoke alarm is usually indicated by the warranty offered by its manufacturer.
- Where notified by a tenant that a smoke alarm is not operating, you should have the smoke alarm checked by a competent professional, and as required, repaired or replaced.



**Our Corded Window Covering Service guarantees the safety of your tenants and meets your legal requirements.**

- Landlords are responsible for ensuring that the property and the products they provide work effectively and safely and that products come with instructions and safety information where necessary. This includes window covering cords.
- A breach of the Trade Practices Mandatory Safety Standards carries penalties of up to \$220,000 for individuals and \$1.1 million for companies, as well as the risk of compensation claims.
- The owner of the property also has a duty of care at common law which may expose them to litigation.



**BOTH  
SERVICES**  
FOR ONLY  
**\$165**

**\$125**  
**ANNUAL  
SERVICE**

## Smoke Alarms

- Unlimited Inspections  
As required due to change or renewal of lease, alarm malfunction and annual maintenance
- Unlimited Battery replacement
- Safety Switch Testing
- Unlimited replacement of faulty and expired alarms
- Detailed inspection and compliance report after each visit
- Automatic maintenance renewal
- 100% compliance with all smoke alarm regulations

The annual fee includes replacement of alarms that are identified as faulty or past expiration date. Replacement of missing alarms or if more alarms are identified as being required to meet legislation may be charged for.

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## Corded Window Coverings

As part of our service Qld Fire Alarms and Compliance can inspect all corded window coverings in your rental property.

Where cords do not comply with the current legislation, our inspectors will carry out the necessary workmanship on your behalf by installing cleats, chain safes and or tensioning devices.

Our annual fee includes an initial inspection and rectification of works where necessarily, provision of safety information and instructions for tenants, a compliance statement and re-inspection with every tenancy renewal / change of tenancy.



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