



## FACT

Having a home escape plan and a working smoke alarm increases your chances of getting out safely.

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## SMOKE ALARMS AND THE LAW

Ensure you have a **working smoke alarm as only working smoke alarms save lives.**

**You must have at least one working smoke alarm on each level of any dwelling people sleep in including caravans.**

**Regularly test your smoke alarm and replace with a 10-year lithium battery alarm if required.**

**It is the home owner's or landlord's legal responsibility to replace smoke alarms when necessary.**

**Visit [www.fire.nsw.gov.au/smokealarm](http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/smokealarm) for further information.**



# LIVING IN TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION DURING BUSHFIRE RECOVERY AND REBUILDING

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- When cooking in a new environment familiarise yourself with the new equipment and **always keep looking when cooking.** Over 50% of all house fires start in the kitchen.
- In your temporary accommodation know and practice your **home fire escape plan.** Ensure all exit routes are clear from obstacles and meet at the letter box or agreed meeting point. Visit [fire.nsw.gov.au](http://fire.nsw.gov.au) to download a plan.
- In case of a house fire **get out, stay out and call Triple Zero (000).** Never go back inside.
- When using **power boards don't overload them.** Always plug heaters directly into a wall socket.
- **Never** use outdoor heaters,

BBQ equipment or burn charcoal or coal inside. Never use an unflued gas heater overnight in the room where you sleep. A build up of Carbon Monoxide can be fatal.

- If your temporary accommodation has a fireplace **ensure the chimney is clean** before using it this winter and use a sturdy fire screen in front of it.
- Always keep everything **a metre from the heater.**
- **Never** smoke in bed and ensure discarded butts are fully extinguished.
- **Extinguish candles** when you leave the room.
- **Here's a hint, clean your lint!** Clean your dryer lint filter before and after use.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Visit [fire.nsw.gov.au](http://fire.nsw.gov.au), [rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://rfs.nsw.gov.au) or contact your local fire station.