Be Prepared

Every resident should familiarise themselves with the smoke detector’s warning sound so that an alarm can be recognised as such if it should arise. In the event of a fire, having an escape route planned and practised can be a life-saver. Discuss with other residents who have the same escape route and go through it together. Escape routes must be kept clear. Please ensure at all times that these do not become blocked, as this may stop you getting away from the building quickly. Before opening any door in an emergency, check it first with your hands. If the door feels hot to the touch, there could be a fire behind it. Leave the door closed and look for another way out. Creating a draught by opening a door can spread the fire further. Do not waste any time by gathering personal items. These can all be replaced, but your life can’t! Inform all residents and leave the building as quickly as possible.

If you have any conversion work carried out, Minol-Service would only be too happy to check whether your smoke alarm needs to be upgraded or re-fitted.

Key points in brief

Keep calm

Report the fire

Activate the fire alarm

Call the emergency services

Get to safety

Warn anyone in danger. Close all windows and doors. Bring anyone unable to help themselves with you. Follow the evacuation route indicated.

Do not use the lifts. Look for your assembly point. Follow all directions given.

Try to put it out

Use fire extinguishers

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“Smoke detectors save lives!”
**Important Note**

Smoke alarm fitting locations are subject to legal regulation in accordance with Usage Norm DIN 14676. Therefore, smoke detectors must not be moved from their original location and fitted in another location. The role of a smoke detector is to recognise the initiation of a fire early by the appearance of smoke, and to warn of the threat of danger in good time – particularly at night, when you are asleep and your sense of smell is not active. Therefore please pay attention to your smoke detector’s ability to function – for your own safety. Overpainting, wallpapering or covering over the smoke detector can lead to faults or even to complete disabling of the device. Smoke detectors should not come into contact with aerosols and detergents. Factors such as nicotine or contamination by insects may cause a false alarm. Smoke detectors can offer no protection, for example if you smoke in bed, or children are playing with an open flame, or if there is an explosion caused by escaping gas. Remove any external dirt with a lightly moistened cloth. Installing smoke detectors can only form one element of a fire protection concept. Smoke detectors are not a replacement for buildings insurance or other kinds of insurance.

**Faults**

If the device gives off a false alarm, you should then carry out a smoke detector test. If it exhibits another fault, you should inform your contact or the caretaker. Under no circumstances should you open the device yourself. Never try to carry out a repair yourself. Contact your contact or the caretaker. Under no circumstances should you open the device yourself. Never try to carry out a repair yourself. Do not attempt to test the alarm with an open flame or fire. Do not attempt to test the alarm with an open flame or fire. Smoke detectors must not be moved from their original location and fitted in another location. The role of a smoke detector is to recognise the initiation of a fire early by the appearance of smoke, and to warn of the threat of danger in good time – particularly at night, when you are asleep and your sense of smell is not active. Therefore please pay attention to your smoke detector’s ability to function – for your own safety. Overpainting, wallpapering or covering over the smoke detector can lead to faults or even to complete disabling of the device. Smoke detectors should not come into contact with aerosols and detergents. Factors such as nicotine or contamination by insects may cause a false alarm. Smoke detectors can offer no protection, for example if you smoke in bed, or children are playing with an open flame, or if there is an explosion caused by escaping gas. Remove any external dirt with a lightly moistened cloth. Installing smoke detectors can only form one element of a fire protection concept. Smoke detectors are not a replacement for buildings insurance or other kinds of insurance.

**Smoke detector test**

To carry out a test, the smoke detector must be properly attached to the base plate.

1. Briefly press the test button and release.
2. The audible signal consisting of two cycles, each with three loud beeps, should sound and then stop automatically.
3. The red control light on the smoke detector should flash quickly while the audible signal sounds.
4. The red LED on the front of the smoke detector should flash every 40 seconds to show that it is activated.
5. The smoke detector should be tested regularly (we recommend once a week).

**False alarms**

A smoke detector will activate when smoke or dust particles penetrate the smoke chamber at a certain level of concentration. This can also occur during renovation work, when fine dust is generated by drilling or sanding, which then gets into the measurement chamber. Therefore please ensure that the smoke detector is removed during any renovation work. Smoke detector which have been over-painted will not function properly. False alarms can also occur if smoke (e.g. when frying food) or steam from the kitchen or bathroom get into other rooms fitted with smoke detectors. You can prevent this, for example by keeping the kitchen door closed when cooking. If an alarm does go off however, the smoke detector can be turned off by pressing the test button. It is important to ventilate your apartment well after pressing the mute button.

**Muting**

If an undesired alarm sounds, triggered by kitchen steam or other steam, the smoke detector can easily be “muted” for approx. 10 minutes via the Stop Alarm button. This is quite easy with a broom handle for example. Muting reduces the responsiveness of the smoke detector. However, the smoke detector is still active! When muted after a false alarm, it will reset after 10 minutes. Normal operation is resumed.