HELSINKI CITY RESCUE DEPARTMENT



Smoke alarm

Every home must have a smoke alarm. Smoke alarms are sold by most major grocery stores and hardware stores, for example. The cheapest alarms cost less than €10.

The smoke alarm is attached to the ceiling. Good places for a smoke alarm are the living room, the bedroom or the vestibule. Do not place a smoke alarm in the kitchen or the bathroom. Large homes require several smoke alarms.

Check that the alarm is operational by pressing the test button. The alarm works if it emits a loud beep. The operation of the alarm should be tested on a regular basis.

A working smoke alarm flashes a red light every now and then. When the battery is running out, the alarm will notify you with short beeps. When this happens, replace the battery.

Replace the entire alarm with a new one if it does not work even with a new battery. The maximum service life of a smoke alarm is 10 years.

When you move out of your apartment, leave the smoke alarm in the ceiling.







Always be careful and cautious when you use fire.

Never leave food cooking without supervision. Do not keep any items on the stove or in the oven. If you are intoxicated or not at your sharpest for whatever reason, takeout food is always a safer option!

Never use damaged electric appliances. Never leave any appliances (such as the dishwasher or coffee maker) on when you leave home. Also, remember to unplug any chargers when you are not using them.

If you smoke, do it outside.



Sometimes a smoke alarm may go off even if there is no fire. For example, smoke coming from food being cooked can set off the alarm. To turn the alarm off, briefly press the test button. Air out the apartment.

If you have false alarms often, the alarm may be too close to the stove, in which case you should relocate it.

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