

INSTRUCTIONS ON SMOKE DETECTORS

According to the Rescue Act, all apartments must have a smoke detector. Each floor of the apartment must be equipped with at least one smoke detector for each 60 m².

The apartment's occupant (tenant) is responsible for acquiring the smoke detector. The resident is also responsible for keeping the smoke detector in proper working order.

“When placing a smoke detector, attention should be paid to its operating conditions. The smoke detector must be placed on the ceiling in the middle of the room in a location where smoke can spread freely. The smoke detector should be installed at least 50 cm away from any walls and away from corners or roof beams. Air flows should also be taken into account in the placement, as drafts may prevent fire gases from reaching the detector and cause a delay in the alarm. The smoke detector should not be installed, for example, near ventilation windows or air conditioning units. It is also not advised to place the smoke detector in the kitchen, in wet rooms or other places where false alarms may occur. Install the smoke detector according to the instructions provided in the box, taking into account the above instructions.”

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