SMOKE ALARM TESTING

It is essential that all households and in particular a landlord's responsibility in Victoria to have properly fitted and maintained smoke alarms in each residential property complying with Australian Standards AS3786-1993.

All smoke alarms should be checked once a year. Many smoke alarms when checked have been either faulty, broken, painted over or not in compliance with the relevant standards. All smoke alarms have up to a ten (10) year "use by date" and as such must be replaced when expired.

A routine annual service/check and maintenance of your smoke alarm includes:
- A thorough maintenance check to ensure smoke alarms are in working order, within the ten year expiry date, are positioned correctly and securely fitted to the ceiling
- Documentation of records detailing compliance with current smoke alarm legislation
- Decibel testing
- Cleaning the smoke alarm and surrounding areas and vacuum cleaning the alarm grill
- Battery replacement
- Button test to ensure effective operation
- Smoke test to ensure effective operation
- Replacement of faulty and expired smoke alarms where necessary