

## The law on fire alarms in Scotland is changing. Are you aware of the new regulations for homeowners?



From February 2022, new safety standards were introduced that interlinked fire and smoke alarms throughout the home are mandatory. If one alarm goes off, they all go off. This will alert you more quickly to danger and help save lives.

We can help older and disabled Edinburgh homeowners to meet the requirements by providing and installing alarms that comply with the new guidelines.

## What are the new regulations for fire detection at home?

The new standard will require:

- One smoke alarm installed in the room most frequently used for general daytime living purposes – this may be your living room.
- One smoke alarm in every circulation space on each storey, such as hallways and landings.
- One heat alarm installed in every kitchen.
- All alarms should be ceiling mounted and interlinked.
- Where there is a carbon-fuelled appliance such as a gas boiler, an open fire or a gas heater present, a carbon monoxide detector is also required. This does not need to be linked to the fire alarms.

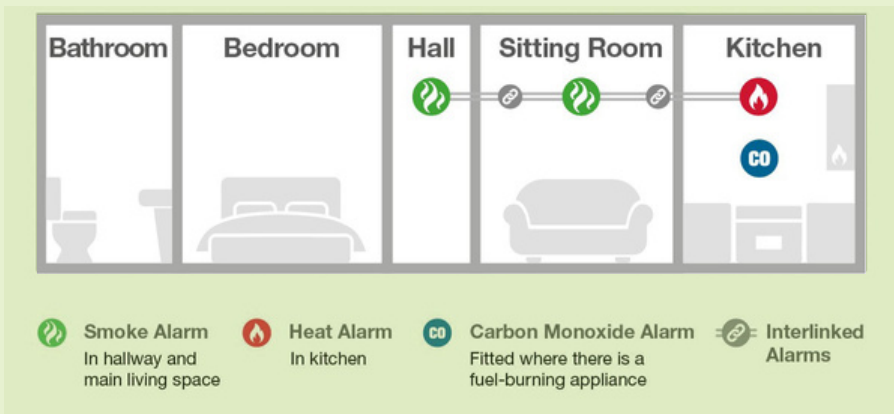


## How can we help?

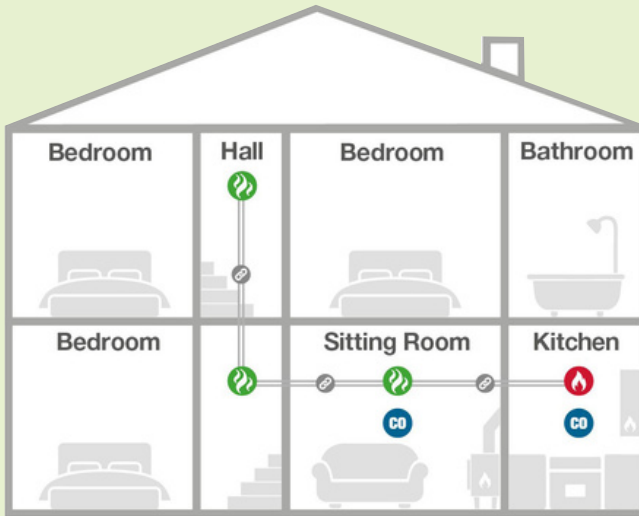
Care & Repair Edinburgh can provide and install suitable wireless interlinked smoke and heat alarms which come with a 5-year manufacturer's guarantee and a 10-year battery life. We can also supply and install carbon monoxide detectors if required.

## We can advise you on how many alarms you will require and where these should be fitted depending on the size of your property.

- If you live in a single-storey property, you will need two smoke alarms and one heat alarm. If you have a carbon fuelled appliance like a boiler, you will also need a carbon monoxide detector.



- A two-storey property will need three smoke alarms and one heat alarm. If you have a carbon fuelled appliance like a boiler, you will also need a carbon monoxide detector



**Smoke Alarm**  
In hallways and  
main living space



**Heat Alarm**  
In kitchen



**Carbon Monoxide Alarm**  
Fitted where there is a  
fuel-burning appliance



**Interlinked  
Alarms**

## How much will it cost?

Please contact us for further information on costs based on the size and requirements of your property.

There is funding available to cover the costs for people receiving pension credit guarantee or support group ESA. Get in touch to find out more!



Contact us today to ensure your home is compliant and as safe as possible by February 2022.

Call 0131 337 1111 or email [reception@cre.scot](mailto:reception@cre.scot)



## FAQs

### **What if I rent?**

Private landlords are responsible for the installation of alarms.

### **What should I do with my old alarms?**

Most alarms can be recycled at home or at a recycling centre.

### **Will my home insurance be affected?**

Contact your insurer to check if the new fire alarm requirements are specified in your policy.

General guidance on interlinked fire alarms can be found at [www.mygov.scot/firealarms](http://www.mygov.scot/firealarms)

## **About Care & Repair Edinburgh**

Care & Repair Edinburgh is an independent charity offering a range of practical services to help Edinburgh's older and disabled residents repair, improve or adapt their homes.

We've been helping people to live safely and independently in their own homes since 1985 and we complete over 6,000 jobs every year across the city.

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