

FALSE FIRE ALARMS



FALSE ALARMS CAN RESULT IN FIRE BRIGADE FINES OF OVER \$1,000 PAYABLE BY THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR SETTING OFF THE ALARM

Apartment living has some great benefits, but it also comes with a duty of care to the safety of many people living in one building.

Fines issued by the Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB) can be in excess of \$1,000 per call out.

The top five most common reasons behind false alarm activations:

1. Burnt or over-cooked food
2. Cigarette smoke
3. Trades people (creating dust)
4. Dust activating a smoke detector
5. Sprinkler heads being knocked and activating

IF YOU SET THE ALARM OFF YOU MAY BE FINED!!!!

SMOKE FROM BURNING FOOD / TOAST ETC..
OPEN A WINDOW **NOT YOUR APARTMENT DOOR**

Ensure that if there is any smoke in your apartment (for example from burnt food in the kitchen) that you fully ventilate your apartment by opening your balcony or windows to remove the smoke and let in fresh air.

The smoke detectors in the common areas (which are connected to the fire brigade) are highly sensitive and can be triggered by even a small amount of smoke or dust.

CAUTION WHEN RENOVATING

Dust from a renovation can, if allowed to enter the common area hallways, trigger the building fire detection system. As stipulated by the OC Rules all renovations must be advised to the OC Manager and if the proposed works are likely to create dust that may trigger the building's fire alarm system a request must be made for smoke detectors in the vicinity of your apartment to be isolated and deisolated.

AIR CONDITIONING COMPRESSORS ON BALCONIES

It is recommended that occupants do not store anything on top of, behind or too close to the air conditioning compressor located on the balcony as this can cause a fire.

SMOKE ALARM BATTERIES

A reminder to all residents to change their smoke alarm batteries and test the smoke alarms inside their apartments on an annual basis.