

It's time to check those smoke alarms!

As the seasons change and Daylight Savings kicks in once again, it means it's time to check your smoke alarms! This six monthly test ensure they're working and still within their expiry date, keeping your family safe.

And while you're there, have you thought about whether they're the most efficient smoke alarms for your home? There are a range of different smoke alarms you can install, from basic smoke alarms to modern smoke alarms that can differentiate whether smoke is from a fire or just from a piece of burnt toast.

More tips about smoke alarms:

- Fire and Emergency NZ recommends a smoke alarm in every bedroom, hallway, and living area. Law states there should be one at least 3 meters from every bedroom and in any living room.
- Smoke alarms should be cleaned with a vacuum cleaner every six months.
 This will remove any dust or particles that could prevent the smoke alarm from working properly.
- Smoke alarms should be tested (by pressing the test button) to ensure the battery and the alarm work every month.
- A more thorough check should be done every six months, or when Daylight Savings starts or ends.