

SMOKE ALARMS IN RENTED PROPERTIES

Sign up to save lives



Private rented sector landlords

To help landlords gear up for the new regulations, the Government has provided Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service with a limited number of free smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to give out to eligible landlords.

For smoke alarms: You will only be eligible for the provision of smoke alarms under this scheme if you are a private sector landlord, and the property you are applying for is rented out by you currently and does not have functioning smoke alarms on each level or floor of the property.

For carbon monoxide alarms: You will only be eligible for the provision of carbon monoxide alarm (one per property) if you are a private sector landlord and the property you are applying for is rented out by you currently in the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority area and has solid fuel appliances (for example wood burner or open fire).

Please complete this self-assessment form over the page. For **YES / NO** questions, please either circle the answer that does apply, or cross out the answer that does not apply.

If you are eligible, present the form at one of the collection points below along with a signed and dated disclaimer.

Collection points (11am to 4pm)

Thursday 23 July 2015: Aylesbury Fire Station Brigade HQ, Stocklake, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP20 1BD.

Monday 3 August 2015: Beaconsfield Fire Station, Beaconsfield Fire Station, 2 Skelton Close, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, HP9 1EA.

Wednesday 5 August 2015: Broughton Fire Station, Childs Way, Broughton, Milton Keynes, MK10 9AP.

Self-assessment form

Q1 Address of property

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..... Postcode

Q2 Are you, the applicant, a private sector landlord? **YES / NO**

Q3 Is the property you are applying for rented out by you currently? **YES / NO**

Q4 Does the property you are currently renting and applying for have functioning smoke alarms on each level or floor? **YES / NO**

Q5 How many floors does the property have?

Q6 Does the property have any solid fuel appliances (for example wood burner or open fire?) **YES / NO**

Q7 How many adults live in the property?

Q8 Is anyone living in the property aged 65 or over? **YES / NO**

Q9 Are there any children aged five or under in the property? **YES / NO**

Q10 Does anyone living in the property have any disabilities? **YES / NO**

Q11 Does anyone living in the property smoke? **YES / NO**

Office use

Q4 to Q11 will be used to calculate what alarms and how many.

Smoke alarm/s: Whether they fit the criteria for smoke alarm provision comes from Q2 to Q4, and how many is determined by Q5 (one smoke alarm to be provided per level of each property).

Total number of smoke alarms provided

Carbon monoxide alarms: One to be provided per property – only if 'yes' is ticked in Q6.

Number of carbon monoxide alarms provided

Data protection - how we use your information

Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service (BFRS) is collecting your property information in order to determine if the tenants fall into one of our vulnerable groups.

BFRS provides a wide range of services to the community. In order to do this, we keep essential personal information about people who use our services.

We also work in partnership with other agencies to implement our community safety work. Sometimes we may need to share your information (your name and the address of the property above) with these agencies in order to protect and support vulnerable people in the community.

For more on how we use your information, please see our privacy policy on our website: bucksfire.gov.uk

We hope you are happy with your free alarm/s

Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority (BMKFA) is not to be held liable for the costs, expenses, loss, claims or proceedings resulting from any damage or any claim resulting from providing the free alarm/s (unless BMKFA is negligent).

The form also confirms that BMKFA has no responsibility whatsoever for the maintenance of the alarms.

Please read and ensure you understand the following:

In consideration of my request to BMKFA for BFRS staff to provide free alarm/s, I agree to the following:

1 I agree to the provision of the alarm/s.

2 I agree that once the alarm/s is/are provided, it/they become/s my property to be used specifically for the purpose for which it/they is/are provided, which is for use in the rented property I nominated in the assessment form. I am provided with this/these alarm/s on the undertaking that I will not sell the alarm/s or pass it/them on.

3 I agree that it is my responsibility to maintain the alarm/s according to the recommendations of the manufacturer/s. I understand that it is not the responsibility of BMKFA.

4 I agree that I have been shown a copy/copies of a leaflet/s about the alarms and how to maintain them.

5 I understand and agree that I will not make any claim against BMKFA, and BMKFA will not be liable to me for any expense, cost, liability, loss, claim or proceedings whatsoever and howsoever arising out of or in the course of or by reason of the provision by BMKFA of the alarm/s.

6 Paragraph 5 above does not apply where the expense, cost, liability, loss, claim or proceedings arose as a direct result of the negligence of BMKFA or its employees in the provision of alarm/s.

7 I understand that any battery smoke alarm/s provided give/s the minimum level of protection in the home. However, a mains-powered interlinked smoke alarm system may be more appropriate in some properties.

8 I understand and agree that from 1 October 2015 as a landlord I will be required by law to ensure working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are present in my property/properties.

Signed

Date