



SMOKE & HEAT ALARMS

IF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS SUMMONED BY AN ALARM, THE COST MAY BE BORNE BY THE APARTMENT OWNER, IF ACTIONS BY THE RESIDENT ARE THE CAUSE

The fire department is automatically summoned at a cost of **\$1,800.00 per call out** if –

- The heat alarm within your apartment sounds, or
- Smoke escapes from an apartment to the hall outside & triggers the alarm in the hall.

SMOKE alarm VEGA detectors – photoelectric and thermal sensing.

Within your apartment: on the alarm, there is a button that says **HUSH**:

- If the alarm activates & there is no fire, press once to HUSH for 5 minutes
- Repeat if necessary
- A chirping sound tells you it is temporarily disabled.



Open balcony doors and windows (*NOT your front door to the hallway*) and fan smoke away with a tea towel, piece of card, or whatever is safely at hand.

Actual smoke does not have to be present for smoke alarm to activate, as the sensor reacts to the perceived risk in the atmosphere.

Smoke alarms inside the apartment do not summon the fire department – hall smoke alarms do.

PLEASE DO NOT OPEN YOUR FRONT DOOR IF THERE IS NO FIRE

For instance, if you have simply burnt food.

HEAT alarm Usually near your front door



It is important to keep the area near the heat sensor well ventilated:

- Use the fan which extracts air from the apartment – the switch may be next to the light switch just inside your front door
- **Use the fan within the laundry at any time that you operate the dryer.** It is preferable that you leave the laundry door/s open when using the dryer, especially for full loads.
- Do not disable the humidity detector by turning it up – it is specifically to trigger the fan when humidity is above 70%

Note - Disabling an alarm may invalidate your insurance.