

# What do I do if my smoke or heat alarm sounds?

**!** If the smoke or heat alarm sounds, check for any signs of smoke or fire, but **DO NOT** open hot doors.

**If you discover a fire, take the following safety steps:**

- Use a safe escape route, closing all doors behind you. If smoke is heavy, crawl out, staying close to the floor. Take short breaths, if possible, through a wet cloth or hold your breath.
- Get out as fast as you can. Have a prearranged meeting place outside for all family members.
- Avoid opening or breaking windows if you can, as this can allow more oxygen into the property which means the fire will grow and make your escape more difficult and dangerous.
- Call the fire service immediately from a mobile or neighbours' phone, no matter how small the fire is – fires can suddenly spread.
- NEVER re-enter a burning house.



**ONLY if it's been confirmed that it's a false alarm, the alarm can be silenced by pressing the test/hush button in the middle of the alarm.**