



# **SMOKE ALARMS CAN SAVE LIVES.**

**CERTAIN IS BETTER.**

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An apartment fire can occur faster than you might think. Every year in Germany about 600 people die in 220,000 fires. Most fire deaths are not caused by flames but by toxic smoke. Frequently the fire burns unnoticed and often starts at night. Smoke can spread through the apartment within seconds and can have a lethal effect within in very short time. You may not even wake up. The loud alarm of a smoke detector can warn you in time, no matter how deeply you sleep.

## SMOKE DETECTORS

### LIGHT INDICATES SMOKE!

Smoke detectors work according to the scattered light principle. In the smoke chamber, located inside the detector, light beams are regularly emitted from a light emitting diode. If smoke penetrates, the light rays are scattered and deflected onto a photo lens. The detector then detects the smoke and triggers a loud warning signal until the chamber is free from smoke. A flashing LED, which illuminates approximately every 40 to 50 seconds, indicates the smoke detector is ready to use. The built-in lithium battery usually provides a minimum of five years supply of power to the smoke detector. If the battery needs to be replaced before this time, a short recurring warning signal will sound to indicate this.



### A LITTLE SMOKE? NO PROBLEM!

If you smoke or like to light candles, do not worry, you can continue to do so. Normal cigarette smoke or candle smoke is not sufficient to activate the smoke detector. Do not paint over, conceal or stick anything on the smoke detector.

### CONFIDENCE IS GOOD. CONTROL IS BETTER.

Smoke detectors must be checked once a year; it is in the law. We have commissioned a professional testing function and alert. Find out the dates for the review well in advance. And what can you do? If possible, remove dust from the smoke detector once a year.

### ANY QUESTIONS?

Your property managers or caretakers are available at any time for any questions concerning smoke detectors.

# DO YOU ALREADY KNOW ABOUT OUR OTHER GUIDES?



## IS THIS VALUABLE OR CAN I DISPOSE OF IT?

Helpful tips. It's all about waste.

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## WELL-INSURED, WHATEVER HAPPENS.

Liability and insurance.

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## APARTMENTS FOR SENIORS IN BERLIN

A relaxing place to grow older

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## GETTING PESTS UNDER CONTROL.

Useful tips for pest control.

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## KNOWING HOW IT WORKS

All about service charges

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## DOG, CAT... HOUSE

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## OPENING TIMES:

Our tenants' service is open for you:

Monday to Thursday 08.00–17.00 hrs

Friday 08.00–14.00 hrs

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