

Trusted Trader offer advice when fitting new fire alarms

New interlinked fire alarms are required to be fitted in all homes by February 2022 to comply with the new fire alarm standard which comes into effect then.

There is more information on what is needed below, but care needs to be taken about what is installed. That is the message from Trusted Trader, the local business partnership which aims to:

- increase consumer confidence
- promote good practice within local businesses
- help protect residents from doorstep crime.

If the property has a Telecare alarm this should not be removed when new fire and CO₂ systems .

The advice is :

- Ask your customer if they have any Telecare installed (they may also refer to this as a community alarm). If they are unsure, you can check by pressing the test button. If they are telecare alarms they will connect to the call centre, just tell the operator that you are testing the alarm.
- If in any doubt, seek professional advice from the Telecare vendor. Contact telephone numbers should located on the devices or Google the vendor name.

By February 2022 every home in Scotland must have **interlinked**

fire alarms.

What are they? Interlinked fire alarms talk to each other. When one goes off, they all go off so you will hear them wherever you are in the house. This should help you to react quicker and could save your life.

- [gov.scot – Fire and smoke alarms: changes to the law](#) – Detailed information related to the new changes.
- [mygov.scot – Fire safety for home owners](#) – Information and responsibilities for homeowners.
- [Scottish Fire and Rescue Service](#) – Requesting home fire safety visits.
- [Care and Repair Scotland](#) – Talk to your local office to see if there is help available for elderly or disabled homeowners.
- [Trading Standards](#) – If you are worried about what someone is trying to sell you or telling you, call trading Standards Scotland on 0808 164 6000, or follow the link to find your local Trading Standards office.
- [Taking your landlord to the Tribunal](#) – A private landlord is a person or business who rents a home to you. You shouldn't use this notice if you rent from a local council or housing association.

By February 2022, all homes in Scotland will be required to have interlinked fire alarms, meaning if one alarm goes off, they all go off.



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<https://www.trustedtrader.scot/news/interlinked-fire-alarms>

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