

# HOUSING PLUS PROGRAM

## RCD & SMOKE ALARM INFORMATION

There are a number of safety devices installed in your home.

A Residual Current Device (RCD) provides protection against electric shock. If the RCD detects an imbalance in the electrical current indicating a leakage to earth (for example, current flows through someone's body to earth) the RCD immediately cuts the electricity supply to prevent electrocution.

Your home will have more than one RCD. They are located in the meter box and can be identified by the presence of a TEST button. You should test them every six months.

A smoke alarm alerts you to the presence of smoke and the potential of fire in the property. You should test your alarm every month. It should be kept clean and free from excess dust.

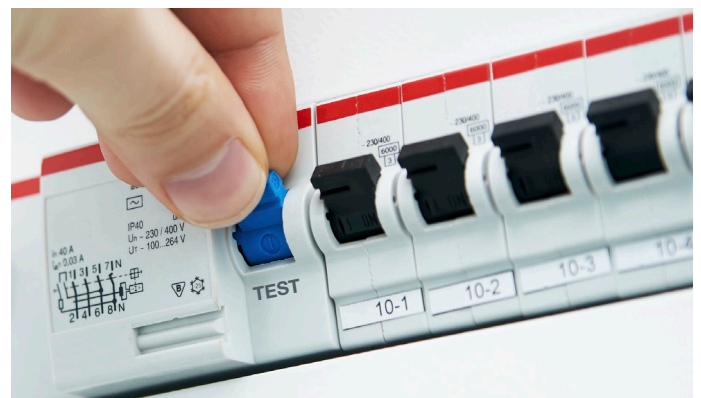
### HOW TO TEST YOUR SMOKE ALARM



- To test the smoke alarm, turn your power off at the mains.
- Press the TEST button (as illustrated). The alarm should beep loudly.
- If you are unable to reach the test button, please use a broom handle. DO NOT stand on a chair.
- The smoke alarm will automatically reset once the button has been released after testing.
- Once the test is complete, remember to turn your power back on at the mains.

**If you don't hear a sound when testing or you notice any other problem with your smoke alarm please contact Vinnies Housing Service**

### HOW TO TEST YOUR RCD



- Press the TEST button on the RCD. You should hear a click.
  - The lever will flip downwards to the 'off' position. This means that the device is working and the power has been turned off.
- NOTE:** The button will not flip downwards if there is no power.
- Flip the lever upwards to 'on'. You may need to push firmly. This will turn the power back on.

**If the lever doesn't flip downwards or you notice any other problem with your RCD please contact Vinnies Housing Service**