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The State Fire Marshall’s Office has adopted a policy that requires that a criminal complaint be filed whenever the Department of Public Safety investigates a fire in a dwelling unit and finds that smoke detection devices have not been installed or maintained in accordance with Alaska Statute 18.70.095.

All smoke detectors will be tested by AHFC at the time of the move-in inspection. Detectors will also be tested during all subsequent inspections of the tenant’s unit.

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| Tenant Responsibilities* Tenants are responsible for testing all unit smoke detectors on a periodic basis.
	+ Battery-operated smoke detectors should have the batteries replaced at least once a year.
	+ Electric detectors powered with AC power should be tested once a week.
* Tenants are required to keep the smoke detectors in working condition by keeping charged batteries in battery-type detectors. Replacement of batteries is normally at the tenant’s expense.
* Any detectors, which are disabled or damaged by the tenant, must be replaced immediately at the tenant’s expense.
 |  |  | Owner Responsibilities* The owner is required to maintain smoke detectors in working condition.
* If a smoke detector is defective, the owner must repair or replace it immediately when notified.

PenaltiesFailure on the part of the owner, landlord, or tenant to comply with the requirements of the law can result in imprisonment for up to six (6) months, a fine up to $500, or both. |