

Guide on eligible items for the Safety and Security Rebate

It is recommended that you do your research first before purchasing an eligible item. This guide will provide you a summary of important information to consider prior to purchasing an eligible item.

Home Alarm and CCTV Systems

Home Alarm systems may consist of home perimeter sensors or internal motion alarm sensors (or combination of both).

Home Alarm systems can be monitored or unmonitored. Monitored means that the system is monitored by a security provider to notify you if your home alarm has been triggered.

Modern Home Alarm systems will also allow integration using your home WiFi connection and mobile phone so you can receive any notifications



wherever you are and can provide you remote access to activate or deactivate your home alarm whilst not at home.

Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) has a similar concept to a home alarm system however provide a video recording or video monitoring solution.

Both Home Alarm and CCTV systems may come with ongoing application subscription or monitoring fees. These fees are not eligible items for the purposes of the Safety and Security Rebate Scheme.

If you are having either a Home Alarm or CCTV system installed by a tradesperson, please check to ensure they have a valid Security Installer Licence and that their company holds a valid Security Agent Licence.

You can search for the Security Installer or Security Agent Licences here

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Security Screen Door

The security screen door consists of a metal mesh screen or grated/grilled frame (or both).

If you are engaging a tradesperson to install, repair or maintain a security screen door, then the Security Installer Licence must be in accordance with the Security and Related Activities (Control) Act 1996 and the Security & Related Activities (Control) Regulations 1997.

The business must also hold a valid Security Agent Licence issued by WA Police.

Please ensure the security screen door being installed complies with the Australian Standards as listed below:



- AS 5039: 2008 (Security Screens Doors and Window Grilles)
- AS 5040: 2003 (Installation)
- AS 5041: 2003 (Method of Test)

The Australian Standard requires several tests to be performed that includes a strength testing to simulate what an intruder may do to gain entry. This includes a dynamic impact test, jemmy test, knife shear test, pull and probe tests.

Once a security screen door is modified, such as installing a pet door, the design of the door no longer complies with Australian Standards 5039: 2008 and would not meet the testing requirements set out in Australians Standards 5041: 2003. **Once a pet door is installed, the door will no longer comply with the Australian Standards and therefore is not an eligible item that can be claimed.**

If a tradesperson does not appear on the list of approved Security Agents, Security Installers or there are concerns over their licence, WA Police can be contacted on 1300 171 011 or at <u>securitylicensing@police.wa.gov.au</u> for enquiries.



Deadlocks

If you are purchasing a deadlock, it must comply with Australian Standards 4145.2: 2008 (Locksets and hardware for doors and windows) for security and durability.

The deadlock can be either a single cylinder or double cylinder. A single cylinder deadlock can be opened from the inside simply by turning the handle or a knob, allowing a person to exit the house quickly in case of an emergency.

The deadlock can be separate to the door handle or it can be incorporated into the handset.

For windows without an existing lock, the Safety and Security Rebate can be used to purchase a deadlock for the window.

If you are getting a deadlock installed by a tradesperson, they must hold a valid Security Installer licence issued by WA Police. The business also requires a Security Agent Licence. You can conduct a search of both security licences on the WA Police website <u>here</u>





Security Window Screens or Window Shutters

Security window screens or shutters provide additional security to prevent a break-in entry from the window and both are eligible items under the Safety and Security Rebate.

As outlined under the security door screens section of this guide, security window screens must also comply with the following Australian Standards:

- AS 5039: 2008 (Security Screens Doors and Window Grilles)
- AS 5040: 2003 (Installation)
- AS 5041: 2003 (Method of Test)

Window shutters are a more expensive option however provide additional benefits from security including saving on energy costs and sunlight control. Due to the cost of window shutters, it is highly recommended that you seek multiple quotes before deciding.

If you reside in a rental property, please note that the lessor is required to provide you with a property that provides a minimum level of security for doors, windows and exterior lights, under the *Residential Tenancies Regulations 1989*. More information on the minimum level of security to be provided by the lessor can be found <u>here</u>.



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Residual Current Device

Also known as a RCD, this safety device switches off electricity automatically if there is an electrical fault. RCDs are designed to protect against the risks of electrocution and fire caused by earth faults.

If it detects electricity flowing down an unintended path, such as through a person who has touched a live part, the RCD will switch the circuit off very quickly, significantly reducing the risk of death or serious injury.

RCDs must be installed by a licenced Electrical Contractor as this is considered electrical work under as defined in the *Electricity (Licensing) Regulations 1991*. Remember to check this before engaging an electrical contractor to work on your premise. You can search for an Electrical Contractor licence <u>here</u>

Australian New Zealand Standard AS / NZS 3000:2018 Electrical Installation governs the standards required for electrical work in Western Australia. This standard sets out requirements for the design, construction and verification of electrical installations. It is intended to protect people and property from electric shock, fire and physical injury that may arise from an electrical installation. All installation work conducted must comply in accordance to this standard.

More information on the RCD requirements for sale, rent and hire properties can be found <u>here</u>





Security Sensor Light

Security Sensor Lights detects motion to scare off intruders from and help you see at night.

An ideal installation point is above entryways, including doors, windows, garages and along the side of your property.

Development in technology has meant that there are new products that combine both a Security Senor Light with a video camera, similar to that offered by a WiFi Video Doorbell. These items are also considered eligible for the Safety and Security Rebate.

Please note that some security sensor lights require mains power connection and this will require a licenced electrical contractor to perform the installation as it is considered to be electrical work. Other security sensor lights that connect to your electrical socket or are solar power operated can be DIY installed.

Some Electrical Contractors can install a standalone motion sensor that is wired to a series of lights that turn on, when motion is detected. This configuration is also eligible for the Safety and Security Rebate.

There is a maximum claim of up to \$200 for each security sensor light, with a total maximum rebate claim of up to \$400.



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WiFi or Wired Video Doorbell

A WiFi or wired video doorbell allows you to check who is at your door before you open it.

These devices use your home WiFi connection to send you an alert/call to your Smartphone so you can answer the call whether you are at home, at work, or on the go.

There are many different types of WiFi video doorbells at different price points for different budgets and some require additional accessories to operate.

There is a maximum claim of up to \$200 for each WiFi video doorbell, with a total maximum rebate claim of up to \$400.

Most WiFi video doorbells are battery powered however mains powered options are available.

Please note if the video doorbell requires mains powered connection, only a Licenced Electrical Contractor can perform the installation.

Most WiFi video doorbells requires an ongoing subscription fee to retain the recorded footage. Please note the subscription fee is not covered under the Safety and Security Rebate.





Mains Powered Smoke Alarm

Mains powered smoke alarms must be permanently connected (hard-wired) to the mains power supply. A mains powered smoke alarm can provide an early signal to the presence of smoke, so you and your loved ones can get to safety or prevent the fire from spreading - if it's safe to do so.

All mains powered smoke alarm must comply with AS 3786:2014 meeting the Building Code of Australia. This type of smoke alarm is proven to be more effective at detecting smouldering or slow-flaming fires, which are common in the home environment.



More information on smoke alarms can be found on the Department of Fire & Emergency Services website <u>here</u>

All mains powered smoke alarms must be installed by a licensed Electrical Contractor and you can search for an Electrical Contractor licence <u>here</u>

Battery powered smoke alarms are permitted only where:

- mains power is not connected to the dwelling; or
- where there is no hidden space in the existing dwelling in which to run the necessary wiring for mains powered smoke alarms and there is no appropriate alternative location.

The use of battery powered smoke alarms in any other circumstance must be approved by the relevant local government. Battery powered smoke alarms must have a non-removable 10-year life battery.

If you are renting, please note that under the *Building Regulations 2012*, there is a requirement for the owner to ensure a compliant smoke alarm is installed where the dwelling is rented under a residential tenancy agreement or made available for such rent or hire. More information can be viewed <u>here</u>



Fire Extinguisher

A fire extinguisher is a first attack tool for use in the early stages of a fire. This device should only be used to fight small fires and allows you to fight a fire from a safer distance.

The smaller extinguishers are recommended for vehicle, home, or office use, while larger ones are needed for bigger areas and those with more combustible materials.

There are several types of extinguishers.

- water fire extinguishers douse fires by taking away the heat element of the fire.
- Dry chemical extinguishers extinguish the fire by interrupting the chemical reaction of the fire
- Carbon dioxide extinguishers take away the oxygen element of the fire triangle. They also remove the heat with a cold discharge.

When purchasing a fire extinguisher, please check the sticker label to ensure it complies with the Australian Standard AS/NZS 1841.5:2007 (powder type extinguishers).

Please note that there is a minimum purchase value of \$25 for each the fire extinguisher to be eligible to claim and a maximum rebate of \$50 for each fire extinguisher will be provided. There is total maximum rebate claim of up to \$100 for fire extinguishers for the Safety and Security Rebate.

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Fire Blanket

This safety device is designed to extinguish incipient (starting) fires. They can also be used to wrap around a person whose clothes have caught alight.

It is best to store fire blankets in or adjacent to a kitchen but not too close to a potential hazard for example above a stove.

Constructed of fibreglass, fire blankets can withstand temperatures up to 500 Celsius are compact and portable and easily stored. The blankets are packaged in a high quality, quick-release PVC container.

Fire blankets come in a range of sizes and can be purchased from fire safety equipment suppliers and major hardware stores. Please check that the fire blanket the Australian Standards Mark to confirm that it complies with AS/NZ 3504: 2006.

It is recommended that fire blankets should only be used once and then replaced after use.

Please note that there is a minimum purchase value of \$15 for each fire blanket to be eligible to claim and a maximum rebate of \$25 for each fire blanket will be provided. There is total maximum rebate claim of up to \$50 for fire blankets for the Safety and Security Rebate.

More information on fire blankets can be found on the Department of Fire & Emergency Services website <u>here</u>



Installation

Installation costs associated to any of the eligible items can be claimed for the Safety and Security Rebate. Please ensure that the contractor provides you a Tax Receipt for the services. Please note a Tax Invoice (quote) is not acceptable as proof of purchase.

It is advised that you check the Tax Receipt provides the following details:

- Supplier Name
- Supplier Australian Business Number
- Itemised detail of the service rendered including the price for the service or product
- Date of the purchase or installation
- List relevant trade licences e.g. Electrical Contractor number (EC12345).

Up to \$400 can be claimed for installation cost for the Safety and Security Rebate. The total rebate claim cannot exceed \$400.

Repair of existing Eligible Items

The Safety and Security Rebate also extends to the repairs of the listed eligible items. Repairs to existing eligible items may be a more cost-effective way than purchasing a new item and is eligible for the Safety and Security Rebate, up to \$400. The total rebate claim cannot exceed \$400.

Repairs must be carried out by a qualified contractor with the requisite licenses and products used to repair the item must comply with any applicable Australian Standards where relevant.