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Financial Assistance for purchase of smoke alarms for deaf and hearing impaired

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan advises hearing impaired residents who may be eligible for a State sponsored smoke alarm to come forward.

To meet the specific needs of people who are deaf and hearing impaired, the Department of Emergency Services will be offering support to those whose level of hearing loss may prevent them from hearing a standard smoke alarm.

“Eligible applicants who have purchased a system covered by the scheme from 20 December 2007 onwards, will be able to claim up to \$400.

“This financial assistance will potentially help save lives and property by ensuring some of the most vulnerable people in our community receive the benefit of an early smoke warning system” Ms Nolan said.

Initially, financial assistance will be provided through an interim rebate program while a voucher payment system is developed. The voucher system will enable recipients to receive their alarm system without having to pay upfront.

There is a limit of one fire alarm subsidy per household and all installation costs must be met by the applicant.

The establishment of the rebate program and voucher payment system follows legislation changes where it became compulsory to have smoke alarms installed from 1 July 2007.

Further information can be obtained by contacting (07) 3247 8149 or visiting the website: http://www.emergency.qld.gov.au/smokealarms/Internet_text_for_interim_rebate.html