

“At one stage I had to hold back tears of relief and joy. At last Mum and Dad were getting the help they needed to make their quality of life better.”

Daughter of Hearing Services Client.

“I haven’t had to use it yet, but it gives me peace of mind. If the sirens and flashing lights don’t wake me up, the Vibrapad will alert me of fire.”

Specialised Smoke Alarm Client.

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Are you Deaf or hearing impaired?



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Home fire safety is a vital issue for the whole community. Every home needs adequate smoke alarms and a home fire escape plan.

Smoke alarms save lives

The majority of home fire fatalities occur during the night because there is inadequate warning to the sleeping occupant. When you sleep you have no sense of smell.

A smoke alarm can provide an early warning - giving occupants a better chance to get out.

Help for people who are deaf or hearing impaired

The South Australian Government is providing help for people who are deaf or have a profound hearing loss and cannot hear a standard smoke alarm. They have recognised the additional costs associated with specialised equipment and, where applicable, provide funding to assist.

Guide Dogs SA Specialised Smoke Alarm Project

The project provides a specialised alarm system free of charge for those living in South Australia, who meet all of the following eligibility criteria:

- Profound hearing loss or deafness in at least one ear;
- Health Care Card holder, or meet other low income criteria;
- Living in their own home or private rental property;
- No entitlement for other similar schemes.

People who do not qualify can purchase the system through Guide Dogs SA/NT or directly from Brooks Australia.

Please note that the scheme is limited to one free set of equipment per household

Your Support Line
1800 757 738

About the wireless Brooks RF Vibralarm System

The smoke alarm, fitted with a 10 year lithium non-removable battery, is secured on the ceiling outside the bedroom and is designed to trigger the Vibralarm.

The Vibralarm has a bright flashing light and is placed on the bedside table. This is connected to a **small vibrating pad** that is placed under the fitted bed sheet.

The Vibralarm is connected to mains power and has an in-built rechargeable battery thereby protecting you in the event of a power failure.

