



“Plan to survive – upgrade your smoke alarms today.”

All existing private homes, townhouses, and units require interconnected photoelectric smoke alarms by 1 January 2027. All registered caravans and motorhomes must also be fitted with a photoelectric smoke alarm.

Legislation introduced on 1 January 2017 requires all smoke alarms to comply with Australian standard 3786-2014 and requires pre-existing smoke alarms to be replaced with interconnected smoke alarms.

Smoke Alarms Requirements

Smoke alarms must:

- Be photoelectric.
- Comply with the Standard. (the body of the alarm must be marked with AS3786-2014)
- Be hardwired (eg. 240V) to main power supply with a secondary power source (ie non removable 10-year battery) or be powered by 10 year non-removeable batteries type photoelectric smoke alarm.
- Be interconnected with every other smoke alarm in the dwelling so all activate together.
- Must not contain an ionisation sensors.

Avoid buying smoke alarms with this symbol, they are not photo electric:



Installing Smoke Alarms:

Smoke alarms must be installed:

- In each story
- In each bedroom
- In hallways that connect bedrooms and the rest of the dwelling
 - If there is no hallway, between the bedrooms and other parts of the story; and
 - If there are no bedrooms on a storey, at least one smoke alarm must be installed in the most likely path of travel to exit the dwelling.

Maintaining Smoke Alarms:

Smoke alarms must be regularly dusted or vacuumed to make sure they continue to work properly.

Accident alarms go off when there is no fire. T

They can be a nuisance and become dangerous if homeowners remove the alarm batteries or disable an interconnected system to silence the alarm.

The fire service is not permitted to disable sounding alarms in unattended residences.