



NORTHERN TERRITORY SMOKE ALARM LEGISLATION & REQUIREMENTS

LEGISLATION OVERVIEW

All smoke alarms must comply with Australian Standard AS 3786-2014, which mandates photoelectric technology.

KEY DATES

FROM 1 NOV 2011

All residential dwellings, moveable dwellings, caravans and temporary accommodation (incl. safari-style tents) must have approved smoke alarms per AS 3786:2014.

FROM 1 MAY 2014

Where more than one alarm is required in new/renovated dwellings, alarms must be interconnected.

BUILD-DATE GUIDANCE:

DWELLINGS BEFORE 1 JUL 1997

Install AS3786 alarms.

DWELLINGS AFTER 1 JAN 1997/7 JAN 19987

Generally expected to be 240V mains-powered under BCA requirements (retain hardwiring when replacing).

SMOKE ALARM TYPES AND POWER SOURCES

Alarm Type: Photoelectric only (ionisation sensors are prohibited).

Power source options:

- > 240V mains-powered (must be installed by a licensed electrician), or
- > 10-year sealed lithium battery alarms.

Public housing alarms must be sealed-battery smoke alarms (non-replaceable) and be replaced by Housing at expiry date of alarm.

INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

- > Mount on ceilings where practicable; position per manufacturers or National Construction Code (NCC) guidance and away from dead air spaces.
- > Install between sleeping areas and the rest of the dwelling, and inside bedrooms where doors are closed for sleeping.
- > Mount on/near ceilings avoiding corners, high dead air spaces (e.g. cathedral ceilings), and within beam pockets.
- > Multi-level homes: additional alarm in stairways and common egress routes.



RENTAL PROPERTY REQUIREMENTS

- > On sale/lease/hire, approved photoelectric alarms must be installed prior to transfer/ lease start.
- > Landlords ensure installation; Tenants maintain basic testing and report faults. Property managers may act on owner's behalf.

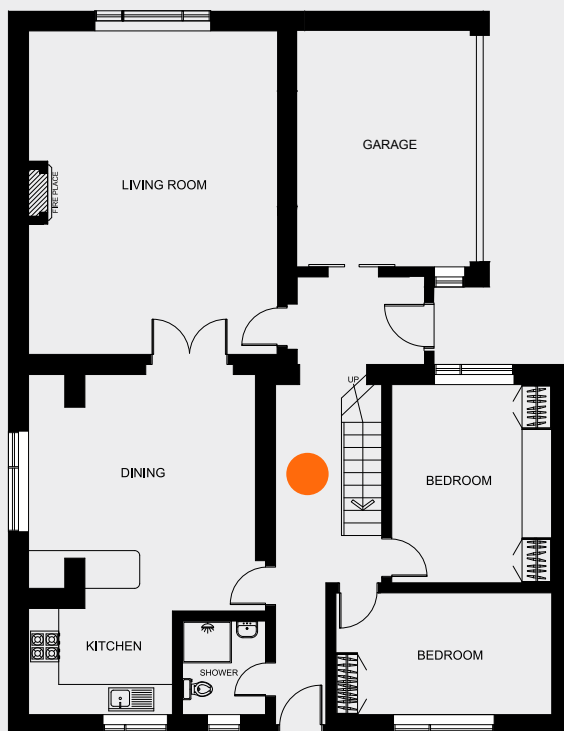
CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME REQUIREMENTS

- > Photoelectric alarms required; either licensed-installed Hardwired to mains power (240V) or 10-year non-removable battery alarms.
- > Install between sleeping areas and the rest of the caravan; add alarms inside bedrooms if doors are closed at night.

MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

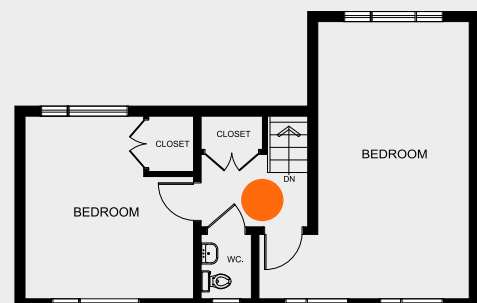
- > Test at least annually; replace faulty/expired alarms; keep smoke alarms free from dust and debris. as per manufacturer instructions.

CLASS 1A HOME SMOKE ALARM PLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS



FLOOR 1

 Smoke alarms for minimum legal requirement.



FLOOR 2