



TASMANIA SMOKE ALARM LEGISLATION & REQUIREMENTS

LEGISLATION OVERVIEW

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

KEY DATES

PRE 1 AUG 1997

If undergoing major renovations requiring a permit, install mains-powered alarms on each level.

FROM 1 MAY 2014

Where multiple alarms are installed, they must be mains-powered (240V) and interconnected.

FROM 1 MAY 2019

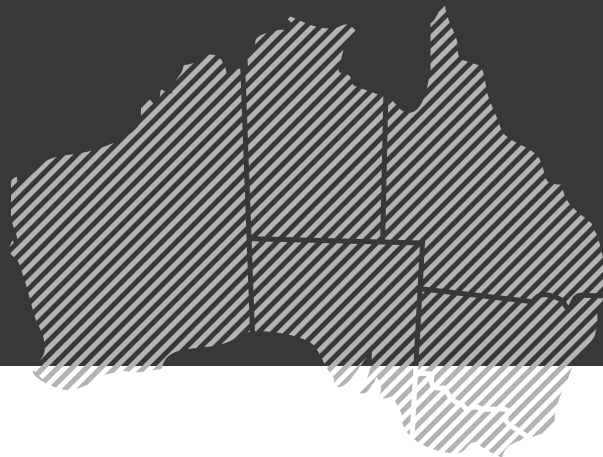
All rental properties must have mains-powered alarms on every level; if mains is not feasible, 10-year non-removable battery alarms may be used.

SMOKE ALARM TYPES AND POWER SOURCES

- > **Power:** Hardwired to mains power (240V) where required; otherwise, 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms allowed (where explicitly permitted).
- > Replace alarms at 10 years from manufacture date or earlier if required.

INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

- > Smoke alarms should be mounted on ceilings wherever possible, following National Construction Code (NCC) guidance and avoiding dead air spaces.
- > An alarm must be installed in every corridor or hallway that connects to a bedroom. If no hallway is present, the alarm should be located between the bedroom area and the rest of the dwelling.
- > Every level of the home must have at least one smoke alarm, even if that level does not contain bedrooms.
- > Ceiling mounting is preferred, with all placements meeting the clearance requirements specified by the manufacturer and the NCC.



RENTAL PROPERTY REQUIREMENTS

- > Must have mains-powered alarms on every level; 10 years sealed battery alarms are allowed only where mains power isn't feasible.
- > **Landlords:** Ensure alarms are AS-compliant at all times; install per NCC; maintain and replace promptly upon tenant notification of fault.
- > **Tenants:** Test at least every six months, keep alarms clean, report malfunctions immediately, and do not tamper with alarms.

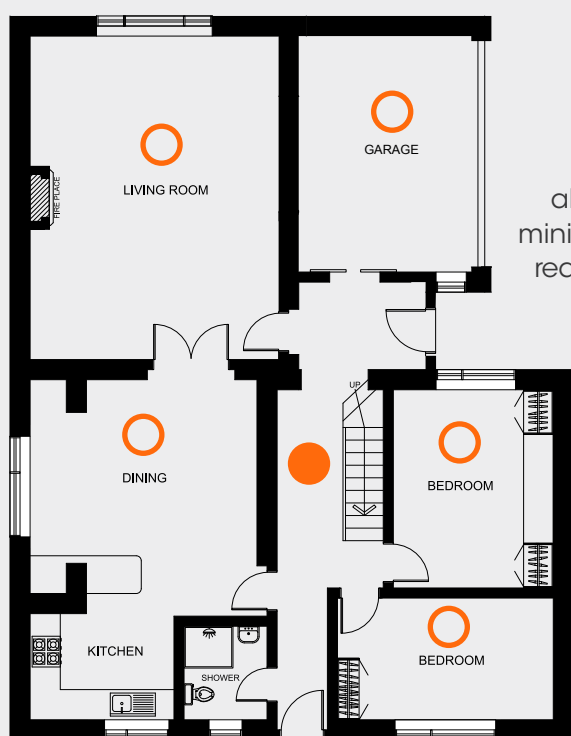
MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

- > Test at least every six months; vacuum/clean to remove dust and debris.
- > Replace batteries per manufacturer (annual for replaceable types);
- > Replace alarms at 10 years from manufacture date or earlier if required.

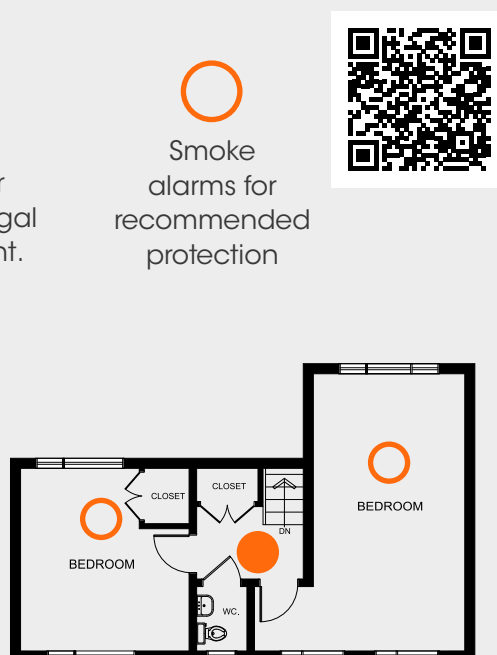
CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME REQUIREMENTS

- > Caravans/motorhomes require at least one photoelectric alarm on the ceiling near the bed; a second alarm is recommended in any annex used for sleeping.
- > Use 10-year non-removable battery alarms.

CLASS 1A HOME SMOKE ALARM PLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS



FLOOR 1



FLOOR 2

