



Smoke alarm laws are changing in Queensland

What does this mean?

New Queensland laws mean smoke alarms must be interconnected and photoelectric by 1 January 2027.

Photoelectric alarms detect smoke using a light sensor.

Interconnected smoke alarms give you more time to escape. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound. This alerts everyone in the home if there is a fire.

Check your smoke alarms

Look for the Australian Standard code **AS 3786-2014** on your smoke alarm to check it meets the new requirements.

Replace your smoke alarms if they:

-  contain an ionisation sensor
-  are not interconnected
-  are more than 10 years old.



Smoke alarms are powered by either a non-removable battery or the main power supply.

Hardwired smoke alarms are connected to the mains power and must be installed by a qualified electrician.

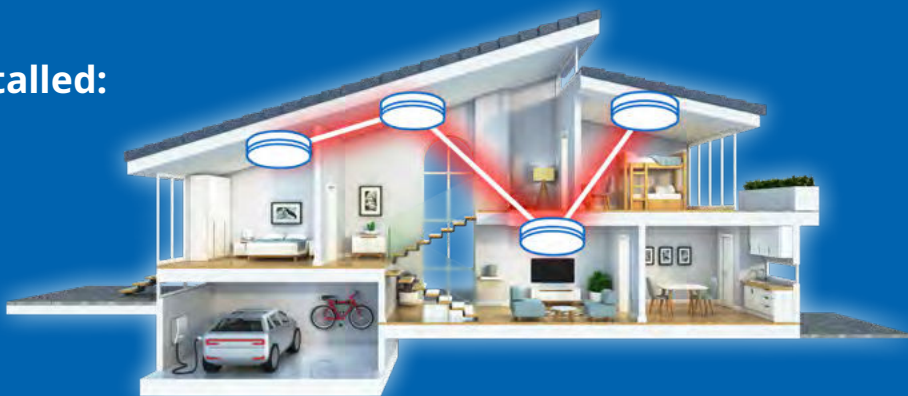
If your current smoke alarms are hardwired, replacements must also be hardwired.

Wireless smoke alarms have a non-removable 10-year battery, connect without wiring, and can be installed yourself.



Smoke alarms must be installed:

- in every bedroom
- in every hallway or rooms connecting bedrooms
- on every storey of the home
- on the ceiling of registered caravans and motorhomes.



Keep your smoke alarms working

- Test your smoke alarms every month to make sure they work properly.
- Clean away dust and insects with a vacuum or brush.
- Do not block or cover them.
- Never paint over smoke alarms.

Make your home safer

Make sure you have compliant smoke alarms by 1 January 2027.

Make and practise a home fire escape plan so you and anyone in your home knows how to get out quickly if there is a fire.

Make sure to keep exits clear from clutter and trip hazards.

For more information, visit www.fire.qld.gov.au.

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