

## QUEENSLAND SMOKE ALARM LEGISLATION SIMPLIFIED GUIDE

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To be read in conjunction with Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990 (current as at 1 March 2017)

### What the new Legislation means to you:-

- These new laws **ONLY** apply to Queensland; refer to Act referenced above
- From 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2017 all smoke alarms installed in Queensland must be Photoelectric Technology
- From 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2017 if any smoke alarm is requiring replacement due to any reason it must be replaced with Photoelectric Technology and must be the same installation technique as previous as a minimum eg. Hard wired
- The new legislation is rolled out over a period of 10 years
- If you are acquiring new building approval from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2017 you will be required to comply with new laws
- If you are doing any major renovations, which means you are eg. Moving walls or adding additional rooms in a home you are required to comply with the new laws
- From 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2022 if you have a rental property or are selling a home, unit or rental property you are now required to comply with the new laws
- From 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2027 **ALL** homes, units and domestic properties are to comply with the new laws

### What you need to do to comply with new laws (minimum):-

- Install a smoke alarm in every bedroom of your property
- Install a smoke alarm in every hallway outside of bedrooms of your property
- Install a smoke alarm on all levels of a home preferably in an egress area if it is not located near a bedroom eg. If you only have open plan living area on ground floor of your home, smoke alarm would be located between the stairwell and the front door
- In the case of a Queenslander with an enclosed room eg. Laundry under the house a smoke alarm must be installed

### Interconnection requirements:-

- All smoke alarms installed are to be connected by either being wired together by a qualified electrician **AND/OR**
- Smoke alarms are to be interconnected by wireless technology
- Smoke alarms can be interconnected with a mixture of these technologies

### Battery operated smoke alarms:-

- **Only** 10 year lithium battery photoelectric smoke alarms with wireless technology can be interconnected with all other smoke alarms in property can be used

**\*Smoke Alarms installed in Queensland after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 must be AS3786:2014 compliant with some exceptions; Building approvals issued before 1 Jan 2017 and in non-regulatory installation can continue to use AS3786:1993 compliant product.**

**\*\*This guide is a revision and all other previous versions are now obsolete**

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