



SMOKE ALARMS

Smoke alarms save lives by providing homeowners with early warning about house fires. Fitting a smoke alarm in your home will help protect your family and ensure you get out safely if the worst should happen.

It is now a requirement of the Development Act 1993 that all South Australian homes are fitted with a working smoke alarm. This means that you, as a homeowner or residential landlord, are responsible for ensuring a working smoke alarm is installed in your property.

Fines of up to \$750 apply if alarms are not installed - however the real penalty could be your life or the life of a loved one.

What type of smoke alarm do I need?

The type of smoke alarm you need depends on the age of your home and when you purchased it:

- If you owned your home or the residential rental property before 1 February 1998, you are required to fit a replaceable battery powered smoke alarm.
- If you purchased your home or residential rental property on or after 1 February 1998, your smoke alarm must be fitted within 6 months of date of purchase of the property and you are required to fit a:
 - 240 volt, mains powered smoke alarm OR
 - a 10 year life, non-replaceable, non-removable, permanently connected battery powered smoke alarm.
- If your home or the residential rental property was built on or after 1 January 1995, you are required to fit a 240 volt mains powered smoke alarm.

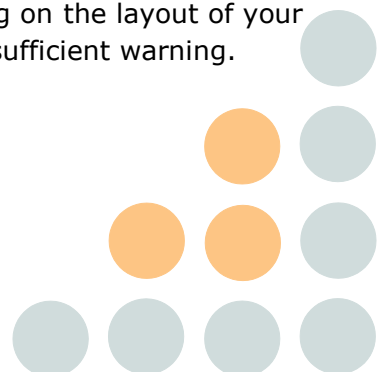
Where can I buy a smoke alarm?

Smoke alarms are available for purchase from:

- Department stores
- Hardware stores
- Electrical retailers
- Security companies
- Fire protection companies

Where should I install the smoke alarm?

It is important that your smoke alarm is installed correctly and in an appropriate location, so it provides occupants with reasonable warning when they are asleep. Depending on the layout of your home, it may be necessary to install more than one smoke alarm to provide sufficient warning.



Further Information

Further information on smoke alarm locations is available in the Building Code of Australia, the SA Housing Code and from the publications listed below.

- Smoke alarms Save Lives [PDF 440 KB]
- Smoke Alarms Save Lives - An important message for landlords [PDF 230 KB]
- Advisory Notice - Technical: Development Regulations 1993 Smoke alarms in existing Class 1 & 2 dwellings 03/05 [PDF 50 KB]

For more information on smoke alarms, contact:

Building Policy Branch

Department of Planning and Local Government
Level 5, 136 North Terrace
Adelaide 5000
Phone: (08) 8303 0602

Hearing Solutions

Smoke Alarm Scheme Office
251 Morphett Street Adelaide
Phone: 8203 8390
Email: hearing@guidedogs.org.au

Metropolitan Fire Service

99 Wakefield Street Adelaide
Phone: 8204 3611
Email: firesafety@samfs.sa.gov.au
Website: www.samfs.sa.gov.au/

Country Fire Service

Level 7, 60 Waymouth Street Adelaide
8463 4200
Email: cfshq@cfs.org.au
Website: <http://www.cfs.org.au/>

Information is also available from your local council.

