

SMOKE ALARM LEGISLATION

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Smoke alarms are compulsory in every home.

By law, all residential properties must have working smoke alarms complying with Australian Standards AS 3786.

- Residential homes constructed after 1 August 1997, or homes which have undergone a major renovation or extension, must have smoke alarms connected to 240-volt mains power with battery backup.
- Residential homes constructed before 1 August 1997 may have battery-operated smoke alarms.
- Residential homes constructed after 1 May 2014, or homes which have undergone a major renovation or extension, must have smoke alarms interconnected (if there is a requirement for more than 1 smoke alarm).



Rental Properties in Victoria

Changes to the RTA VIC are in effect as of March 29, 2021. The new, more complex safety checks and required minimum standards are now defined by a number of different new Australian standards. The new obligations are triggered for any written lease agreement, new or renewal, and penalties will be applied for failing to comply.

- An annual smoke alarm safety check is now mandatory, not just recommended.
- A faulty or non-working smoke alarm is now considered an urgent repair.
- Repair of hardwired smoke alarms must now be carried out by a suitably qualified professional i.e. a licensed or registered electrician.
- Property managers are now required to provide renters with operation manuals, testing and no tamper instructions for all installed alarms.

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