

THE NEW SMOKE ALARM LAWS AFFECTING EVERY QUEENSLAND LANDLORD



IMPROVING FIRE SAFETY

SMOKE ALARM UPGRADES

January 1, 2017, marked the beginning of tougher Queensland Smoke Alarm regulations in a move to raise fire safety in the entire state. The new Queensland Smoke Alarm Legislation means changes in the placement of smoke alarms, type of smoke alarm technology, and Queensland Smoke Alarm requirements for properties depending on their use.

The safety benefits that the new laws will overpower the extra effort they entail. The gradual implementation of the new Queensland Smoke Alarm legislation also gives homeowners and property managers more time to transition and adapt to the new standards.

The team at Qld Fire Alarms & Compliance have been providing exceptional service and support for over 11 years. You can rely on us for your smoke alarm installation and compliance needs.



THE NEW SMOKE ALARM RULES

Before the 1st January 2022, smoke alarms in your rental property must be installed on each storey:

- In every bedroom
- In hallways which connect bedrooms and the rest of the dwelling, or
- If there is no hallway, between the bedrooms and other parts of the storey, and
- If there are no bedrooms on a storey, at least 1 smoke alarm must be installed in the most likely path of travel to exit the dwelling



THE SMOKE ALARMS MUST BE:

- Photoelectric
- Less than 10 years old
- 240v (hardwired) or 10 year non-removable lithium battery alarms (9v alarms are not permitted)
- Interconnected with every other alarm in the dwelling so if 1 goes off, they all go off
- Existing 240v hardwired alarms that need replacing must be replaced with a 240v alarm, not a battery alarm

For most properties, every smoke alarm will need to be replaced with new units as very few rental properties have the required interconnected 240v or 10 year battery photoelectric alarms installed.



Properties that have not been upgraded by the deadline cannot accept a new lease or renew an existing lease. This means no rental income from the property can be collected. There is also a fine of \$500 for non compliance.





TIMING

There are approximately 500,000 Queensland rental properties that require upgrading, so the need to upgrade now and not leave it until the last minute is important.

There is serious concern that there will not be enough electricians in Queensland to do all of the required work by the deadline. Meaning, landlords who do not act now may not be able to collect rental income from their property if not upgraded before the deadline as it will be illegal.



PRICE MATCH GUARANTEE

The installation price will almost certainly increase as the deadline approaches as demand will far outstrip the supply of electricians to do the work. Install cost will not be any lower than they are now.

We are so confident with our competitive pricing structure, that should you receive a cheaper written quote - we will match the price whilst still using our premium smoke alarm products.



QUALITY PRODUCTS

All of the products we use are tested and comply to the Australian Standards. We only use quality brands such as PSA and Clipsall to ensure long lasting warranties and peace of mind.











THE SOLUTION

Upgrade now before the rush to ensure your property meets legislation when the time comes. Please talk to us about supplying you a competitive quote to get your smoke alarms upgraded now!







