

# CITY OF PLAYFORD LOCATION OF SMOKE DETECTORS



## NEXT GREAT CITY

### SUMMARY

Smoke alarms are required in dwellings and sole occupancy units under the *Building Code of Australia*. However, many people underestimate the importance of a fully-functioning smoke alarm in their home, and the extent to which smoke alarms reduce the chances of injury and fatality in the event of a fire. Please contact the Council's Building Department should you have any questions regarding smoke alarms.

### Smoke alarms in existing dwellings

- For properties where the date of purchase was prior to 1 February 1998, smoke alarms with a replaceable battery are required.
- For properties where the date of purchase was after 1 February 1998, hard-wired smoke alarms powered through mains source of electricity or powered by a 10 year life non-replaceable, non-removable permanently connected battery are required. If not already installed, these types of smoke alarms must be installed no more than six months after the transfer of title.

### Smoke alarms in new dwellings

- Smoke alarms have been required in all new homes in South Australia since 1 January 1995. For all new homes built after this date, smoke alarms must be hard wired to 240 volt mains power supply with battery back-up. Where dwellings are unable to be connected to mains power, smoke alarms must be powered by a 10 year life non-replaceable, non-removable permanently connected battery
- From 1 May 2014, smoke alarms have been required to be interconnected where there is more than one smoke alarm within the dwelling

### Locations of smoke alarms in dwellings

- Smoke alarms are required to protect sleeping occupants and must be located between bedrooms and the remainder of the dwelling
- Where bedrooms are located in separate parts of the dwelling, smoke alarms must be positioned nearby to warn *all* sleeping occupants
- Smoke alarms must be located in the hallway, where bedrooms are served by that hallway
- Smoke alarms must be located in any storey containing bedrooms and located near the stairs to ensure early warning

### Smoke alarms in dwelling extensions

- Smoke alarms in Dwelling Extensions approved from 1 May 2014 are required to have interconnected smoke alarms where there is more than one alarm within that extension, however they are not required to be connected to the smoke alarms in the existing dwelling

### General Notes

- All smoke alarms installed in Australia must comply with the *Australian Standard AS 3786*

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