

Smoke Alarm Regulations in South Australia

Since the 1st of January 1995, smoke alarms have been required in all new homes in South Australia. These alarms must be hard-wired to the 240-volt mains power supply unless the dwelling is not connected to such a supply. They should also be fitted with a battery to provide power in case of a supply failure.

From the 1st of February 1998, if the land on which any building covered by this legislation is built undergoes a change of ownership the new owner must, within 6 months of title transfer, install smoke alarms either:

- Hard wired to the 240-volt household power supply (unless the dwelling is not connected to such a supply), or
- Powered by 10-year life, non-replaceable, non-removable, permanently connected batteries.

Fines of up to \$750 apply if alarms are not installed. All South Australian homes must be fitted with a working smoke alarm. Homeowners and residential landlords are responsible for ensuring a working smoke alarm is installed in the property.

For more information about the Smoke Alarm Legislation please reach out to us at info@tuckfields.com.au

