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Queensland law requires all homes and units to be fitted with smoke alarms. Owners of all houses and units in Queensland must install at least one 9 volt battery-powered smoke alarm as a legal minimum requirement.

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This alarm must be installed between any area containing bedrooms and the rest of the house or unit, such as hallways; or on a storey without bedrooms which contains the most likely evacuation route from the storey. If your home was built before 1 July 1997, and you don't already have smoke alarms installed, you will need to buy and install at least one 9 volt battery-operated smoke alarm.

Since 1 July 1997 in Queensland, it has been mandatory under the current Building Code of Australia (BCA) Law for new homes and units to have hard-wired (240 volt) smoke alarms installed. This also applies to any homes or units that have been extensively renovated after this date. These alarms must meet all requirements of Australian Standard (AS) 3786.

The Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS) strongly recommends that people check the smoke alarm they are buying complies with Australian Standards. For further information about verified smoke alarms, visit [\*\*www.activfire.gov.au/smokeAlarms.asp\*\*](http://www.activfire.gov.au/smokeAlarms.asp).

QFRS is aware that some smoke detection systems incorporated into home security systems may not be fully compliant; should you suspect this to be the case, you should contact the Regional Manager Community Safety for advice.

QFRS fact sheets about smoke alarms are available at [\*\*www.fire.qld.gov.au/communitysafety\*\*](http://www.fire.qld.gov.au/communitysafety)