

The South Punyelroo Progress Association Inc

INFORMATION ON SMOKE ALARMS

As from 1st January 2000 all South Australian home owners must install smoke alarms or face a \$750 fine.

The legislation, initially passed in 1993, called for a phased introduction until by January 2000 all SA homes must have installed one of three types of smoke alarms. The kind of alarm depends on when the house was purchased.

The first phase of the legislation called for all new homes built after January 1995 to be fitted with 240-volt mains-powered smoke alarms. Then, in February 1998, all homes purchased on or after that date had 6 months to install either the mains connected alarms or versions powered by non replaceable 10-year-life batteries.

Finally, by January 2000, every home buyer in South Australia has 6 months from the date of purchase to install or convert replaceable battery powered smoke alarms with models either connected to the mains or powered by non-replaceable batteries. All those homes owned prior to February 1998 must be fitted with at least replaceable battery powered smoke alarms.

The legislation means that buyers of residential properties with smoke alarms installed may need to upgrade these versions if they are powered only by replaceable batteries.

For rental properties it is the owner who is responsible for installing the alarms.

Where do I buy one?

- Hardware Stores
- Department Stores
- Electrical retailers
- Security companies
- Fire protection companies