

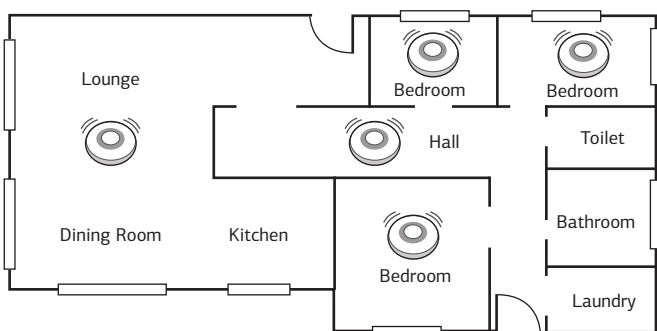
Domestic Smoke Alarms for Dwellings

Have you got one? All new houses, sleepouts and all existing houses are required to have domestic smoke alarms installed.

Where should you put smoke alarms in your house?

On levels containing the sleeping spaces, the smoke alarms must be located either:

1. In every sleeping place; or
2. Within 3.0 m of the opening door to every sleeping space;
3. On the escape route; and
4. Top and bottom of stairs.



Summary of requirements

Domestic smoke alarms may be battery powered or hard wired.

They must be provided with a test facility that may be located on the smoke alarm and also a hush function with a minimum duration of 60 seconds.

Domestic smoke alarms must be listed or approved by a recognised authority as complying with at least one of the following: AS 3786, ISO 12239, or BS EN 14604.

Recommended maintenance procedures

Smoke alarms require regular maintenance to ensure their successful operation in the event of a fire. Smoke alarms shall be maintained in accordance with manufacturer's instruction and will require cleaning with a soft-brushed vacuum cleaner.

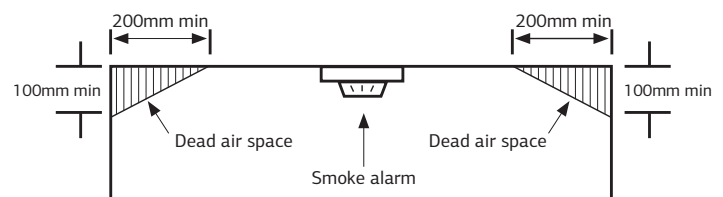
Each smoke alarm should be tested at least once a month by activating the "test" function.

Formal stuff

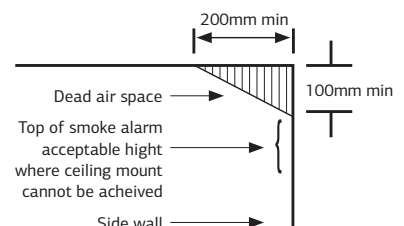
Domestic smoke alarms are classified as Type 1 Fire Alarm for the purposes of the Compliance Documents. The applicable Compliance Document (Acceptable Solution) to the Building Code is F7/AS1 – Warning Systems.

Domestic smoke alarms shall be installed on or near the ceiling in accordance NZS 4514 and the manufacturer's instructions.

(a) Ceiling mount with exposed airflow



(b) Ceiling mount not available



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