



# Smoke Alarm Readiness Checklist

Use this FREE checklist to help you to (a) check your current smoke alarms and (b) assess if you need additional smoke alarms or to call BCS Electrical for a professional assessment.

## Identify Alarm Locations

- ✓ Ensure each level of your home has at least one smoke alarm.
- ✓ Place alarms in or near bedrooms, hallways, and living spaces as per legal requirements.
- ✓ Avoid areas prone to false alarms, like directly above stovetops.

## Check Compliance & Age

- ✓ Verify each alarm meets **Australian Standard (AS 3786)**.
- ✓ Replace any unit older than **10 years**—even if it still works.
- ✓ If your property is a new build or recently renovated, confirm whether **hardwired and interconnected** alarms are mandatory.

## Test Monthly

- ✓ Press and hold the **“Test”** button for a loud beep.
- ✓ If weak or no sound, replace batteries or the call BCS Electrical to replace entire alarm.
- ✓ Look for dust or insect build-up; gently clean with a vacuum attachment.

## Replace Batteries (if applicable)

- ✓ For standard alarms, swap batteries **at least once a year** (often done at daylight savings).
- ✓ For **10-year lithium** models, batteries are sealed; replace the entire alarm once expired.

## Listen for Unusual Chirps

- ✓ Chirping often indicates a low battery or malfunction.
- ✓ Don't ignore it—inspect or replace the alarm immediately.

## Professional Inspection

- ✓ Book a licensed electrician if alarms frequently false-trigger, are poorly located, or need hardwiring.
- ✓ Ensure each alarm is positioned correctly and wired safely.

## Record & Review

- ✓ Keep a log of installation dates, battery changes, and maintenance checks.
- ✓ Revisit this checklist at **each daylight savings** change or more frequently if needed.

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## Need Advice or Upgrades?

Contact **BCS Electrical** on **8554 3094**, or visit our showroom at **6 Lincoln Park Drive, Victor Harbor** (open weekdays, 9am–4pm).