



Shire of **Ngaanyatjarraku**
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Council Policy

Policy 1.23 – Dwelling Smoke Detectors

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Policy Objective

The guide the process and conditions under which the Shire will approve the use of ten (10) year battery life, tamperproof smoke detectors in accordance Regulations 60 and 61 of the Building Regulations 2012.

Policy Statement

The Shire is committed to ensuring that safety measures, including smoke detectors, in dwellings within the Shire, meet statutory requirements and are regularly inspected by appropriate authorities to ensure they are operational at all times.

The Shire will approve the use of ten (10) year battery life, tamperproof smoke detectors in dwellings within the communities of the Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku, in accordance with Regulations 60 and 61 of the Building Regulations 2012, subject to the following conditions;

- a) All applications for approval are to be on an individual dwelling basis with submission of an application form, a floor plan of the dwelling showing the location of the smoke detector/s and be accompanied by the approved fee;
- b) All installations of ten (10) year battery life, tamperproof smoke detectors are to comply with the requirements of the Building Act 2011, the Building Regulations 2012 and the National Construction Code and relevant standards, as to the extent that they apply;
- c) Where more than one smoke detector is required within a dwelling the units are to be interconnected; and
- d) The Housing Authority maintaining processes and procedures to ensure that the smoke detectors in every dwelling are regularly tested and that records of inspection, testing, repairs and/or replacement of smoke detectors are to be made available to the Shire upon request.

Definitions

“10 year battery life” means a battery that is capable of powering a smoke alarm for at least 10 years without the alarm indicating the battery power is low;

“dwelling” means —

- a. Class 1 building; or
- b. a unit in a Class 2 building; or
- c. a Class 4 dwelling.

Policy History

Amendments to this Policy

Amendments to this policy require a simple majority decision of Council.

History

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