



POSITION STATEMENT SUMMARY

Fire sprinklers in Class 1 buildings (i.e. homes)

Position

Effective 30 August 2024, the following is a position of Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW):

The *National Construction Code* (NCC), Volume 2 does not prescribe the installation of any fire sprinkler system in a Class 1 building. Only *smoke alarms* are mandatory in the home.

FRNSW does however recommend that *residential fire sprinklers*, in conjunction with the smoke alarms, be installed in homes as they significantly improve the safety of occupants in the home in the event of fire.

Reference must be made to the FRNSW website to ensure this position is current at the time of use, and this position has not been superseded or revoked.

Summary

This position statement stipulates that a fire sprinkler system is not mandatory in any Class 1 building (i.e. residential homes). The only mandatory active fire safety provision in the home is a working smoke alarm.

The position does however recognise the superior life safety benefit of fire sprinklers and therefore recommends residential fire sprinklers be installed in the home to protect occupants, particularly the vulnerable (e.g. the elderly, people with disabilities, children etc.).

This position statement has been authorised for release by Chief Superintendent Fire Safety, FRNSW.

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