

F7 Warning systems

Provides early warning systems to alert people to an emergency.

This clause ensures buildings are provided with appropriate means of warning people to escape to a safe place in an emergency.

It requires warning systems that provide adequate time for people to reach a safe place; for fire detection in all household units; and other appropriate warning for fire and other emergencies.

[Record of amendments \(https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/how-the-building-code-works/different-ways-to-comply/acceptable-solutions-and-verification-methods/record-of-amendments/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/how-the-building-code-works/different-ways-to-comply/acceptable-solutions-and-verification-methods/record-of-amendments/) is a record of changes to the Acceptable Solutions, Verification Methods and handbooks.

Updates

MBIE to consult twice yearly on changes to the Building Code System

10 AUGUST 2018

MBIE will now consult twice yearly to ensure Acceptable Solutions and Verification Methods are up to date.

[\(https://www.building.govt.nz/about-building-performance/news-and-updates/all-news-and-updates/bc-update-237/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/about-building-performance/news-and-updates/all-news-and-updates/bc-update-237/)

Consultation on amending Acceptable Solutions and Verification Methods 2018

8 AUGUST 2018

We want your feedback by 21 September on proposals to amend Acceptable Solutions and Verification Methods.

[\(https://www.building.govt.nz/about-building-performance/news-and-updates/all-news-and-updates/bc-update-236/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/about-building-performance/news-and-updates/all-news-and-updates/bc-update-236/)

View all related news and updates https://www.building.govt.nz/search/?bcc%5B%5D=f7-warning-systems&area=news-and-updates&show=all&action_doSearch=Search&sort=recent#results

Acceptable Solutions and Verification Methods

Current version

These are issued by MBIE to provide one way of complying with the Building Code and must be accepted by BCAs as demonstrating compliance with the related clauses of the Building Code. Using <http://mbie5.cwp.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/f-safety-of-users/f7-warning-systems/>

Previous versions

3rd edition, amendment 7

[PDF 610 KB]

<https://www.building.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/building-code->

them is not mandatory.

4th edition, unamended

[PDF 397 KB]

Effective from 10 April 2012

(<https://www.building.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/building-code-compliance/f-safety-of-users/f7-warning-systems/asvm/f7-warning-systems-4th-edition.pdf>)

Acceptable Solutions and Verification Methods

(<https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/how-the-building-code-works/different-ways-to-comply/acceptable-solutions-and-verification-methods/>)

(AS and VMs) were called compliance documents. Some still have the “compliance document” title but the AS or VMs they contain are valid and unaffected by the name change.

[compliance/f-safety-of-users/f7-warning-systems/asvm/f7-warning-systems-3rd-edition-amendment-7.pdf](https://www.building.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/building-code-compliance/f-safety-of-users/f7-warning-systems/asvm/f7-warning-systems-3rd-edition-amendment-7.pdf))

3rd edition, amendment 7 replacement pages

[PDF 577 KB]

(<https://www.building.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/building-code-compliance/f-safety-of-users/f7-warning-systems/asvm/f7-warning-systems-3rd-edition-amendment-7-rp.pdf>)

3rd edition, amendment 6

[PDF 426 KB]

(<https://www.building.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/building-code-compliance/f-safety-of-users/f7-warning-systems/asvm/f7-warning-systems-3rd-edition-amendment-6.pdf>)

Version history (<https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/f-safety-of-users/f7-warning-systems/acceptable-solutions-and-verification-methods/>)

Standards

Standards are frequently referred to in Acceptable Solutions and Verification Methods. They provide practical information and guidelines for building solutions.

Over 120 building standards used for Building Code compliance are now available for free download.

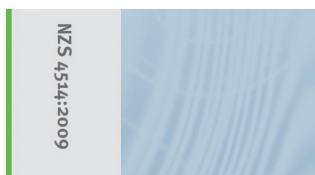
See the free standards relating to Code Clause F7

(<https://www.standards.govt.nz/sponsored-standards/building-standards/?buildingcode=F7>).

All standards, including the funded ones, can be accessed through the Standards New Zealand website (<https://www.standards.govt.nz/>).

NZS 4514:2009 Interconnected smoke alarms for houses

This Standard provides important information about the placement and audibility of smoke alarms. When read in conjunction with Acceptable Solution F7/AS1 it provides a way of complying with the New Zealand Building Code requirements for warning systems in household units.



New Zealand Standard NZS 4514:2009 Interconnected smoke alarms for houses

Download a free copy
(<https://www.standards.govt.nz/sponsored-standards/building-standards/nzs4514/>)

Related Determinations

Determinations are made by MBIE on matters of doubt or dispute to do with building work. Rulings are legally binding in relation to each case. Circumstances in one case may differ to others.

2018/062: Authority's refusal to issue a code compliance certificate for a 17-year-old house with monolithic cladding

Note: to be read in conjunction with Determination 2017/008.

This determination considers a second refusal to issue a code compliance certificate for a now 17-year-old house with monolithic cladding that was the subject of a previous determination. This determination discusses the validity of the refusal with regard to the time in which a building consent authority must make a decision, and the relationship between the requirement to give reasons for refusing to issue a code compliance certificate and the issue of a notice to fix. The determination considers the information the authority had before it at the time it made its decision and whether the items identified by the authority are compliant with the Building Code.

[\(https://www.building.govt.nz/resolving-problems/resolution-options/determinations/determinations-issued/determination-2018-062/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/resolving-problems/resolution-options/determinations/determinations-issued/determination-2018-062/)

2018/059: Issue of a notice to fix in respect of the compliance schedule and building warrant of fitness for a building

Note: This determination is subject to clarification.

This determination concerns a notice to fix issued by an authority in respect of the specified systems in a building, the compliance schedule, and the building warrant of fitness. The determination considers whether the notice to fix was correctly issued, the information to be provided in a compliance schedule, and the issue of the building warrant of fitness.

[\(https://www.building.govt.nz/resolving-problems/resolution-options/determinations/determinations-issued/determination-2018-059/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/resolving-problems/resolution-options/determinations/determinations-issued/determination-2018-059/)

View 23 Determinations related to Warning systems
https://www.building.govt.nz/resolving-problems/resolution-options/determinations/determinations-issued/?bcc%5B%5D=f7-warning-systems&action_doSearch=Search#results

Related building products

All products, systems and construction methods that have achieved CodeMark status will be listed here with their most up to date certificate.

View 1 certified building product associated with Warning systems https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/product-assurance-and-multiproof/codemark/product-certificate-register/?&bcc%5B%5D=f7-warning-systems&action_doSearch=Search#results