



## NEWS

### Building industry helps improve fire safety in budget accommodation

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Queensland's building industry professionals are being urged to join the effort to improve fire safety in local budget accommodation buildings.

Local Government Minister Desley Boyle said the State Government needed the support of the building industry to ensure budget accommodation buildings were up to standard in time for the July 1, 2005 compliance deadline for final fire safety upgrades.

"The July 1, 2005 deadline is quickly drawing near," Ms Boyle said.

"It is vital for the building industry to be aware of the fire safety laws and use their knowledge and expertise to help those owners who need to undertake building works."

Ms Boyle said building industry professionals could better equip themselves to deal with queries by attending a free workshop on the fire safety laws.

She said the workshop would provide attendees with information on the fire safety laws, cost-effective ways to achieve compliance and compliance processes.

Workshops will be held in the following locations:

Mackay: Wednesday, 9 March  
Rockhampton: Thursday, 10 March  
Caloundra: Wednesday, 16 March  
Maryborough: Thursday, 17 March  
Toowoomba: Wednesday, 6 April  
Gold Coast: Thursday, 7 April  
Brisbane: Monday, 11 April and Tuesday, 12 April  
Cairns: Wednesday, 13 April  
Townsville: Thursday, 14 April

Ms Boyle said under the first stage of the fire safety laws, all budget accommodation buildings were required to have a Fire Safety Management Plan and, in older buildings, smoke alarms and emergency lighting in place by June 30, 2003.

Owners have until July 1, 2005 to comply with the second stage, which may include installing extra exits.

She said building approvals and permits had to be issued by local government, but building professionals could offer advice on cost-effective measures to achieve compliance and help owners prepare building approvals and the associated paperwork.

For more information on the workshops, phone 1800 682 021 or visit [www.lgp.qld.gov.au/firesafety](http://www.lgp.qld.gov.au/firesafety)

[Fire Safety Flyer \(PDF 105 KB\)](#)