



RESIDENTIAL FIRE SAFETY UPGRADES

Most fire related deaths occur in residential buildings. This is compounded by the fact that residential apartment buildings are less likely to be upgraded over time. As a result, some older residential buildings represent the highest fire safety risk of all types of buildings.

When critical deficiencies in fire safety are identified, residents may undertake a voluntary upgrade, or Council may enforce an upgrade by issuing a 'Fire Safety Order' on the building. In both situations, Holmes Fire can develop an upgrade strategy that provides adequate fire safety, without the need to reconstruct large portions of the building.

When Holmes Fire develops a fire safety upgrade strategy, it provides a solution that aims to compliment the building's existing features to increase the safety of occupants and property as far as is reasonable. Our upgrade strategies are sympathetic to unique or heritage features, and we understand that full compliance with current building codes is often not possible. However these restrictions do not prevent us from developing a solution that provides an adequate level of fire safety.

Holmes Fire is experienced in the legislative processes involved in fire safety upgrades and will guide owners through this process. As a result of our thorough, robust and practical work on previous projects, we have established good relationships with councils throughout many areas.

We have professional relationships with a number of quality fire service installers that we can recommend to undertake building works. Holmes Fire also provides construction monitoring services to ensure installations meet the requirements of our upgrade strategy.

When Holmes Fire develops a fire safety upgrade, significant value is added to the property. By adopting performance based fire engineering we are able to maintain building functionality, reduce construction timeframes and potentially avoid the necessity to provide costly and unsightly fire safety systems.

The result is an extreme improvement to the fire safety of the building that meets your needs as well as the legislative requirements and is achieved in the most cost effective way possible.

