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This Handbook was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee FP/16 on Residential Fire Protection.

This document is a 'guide' only and, although the recommendations made herein are representative of the types of measures that can be taken to improve the fire and life safety of any dwelling, it is not all encompassing owing to the encyclopaedic nature of residential fire and life safety.

This Handbook should be viewed as a means of understanding what types of fire protection and detection equipment are available and their usefulness in protecting the life and property of the dwelling's occupants, and what preventive measures can be taken by the occupant.

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