

Part 5 **Prescribed fire safety
installations**

Division 1 **Definition for pt 5**

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A defect in a prescribed fire safety installation for a building is a *critical defect* if—

- (a) the defect is likely to render the installation inoperable; and
- (b) the defect is reasonably likely to have a significant adverse impact on the safety of occupants of part or all of the building if a fire or hazardous materials emergency happens.

Examples of critical defects—

- a defect making a fire detection and alarm system inoperable
- a defect in a pump making the fire hydrants for a building inoperable

Example of a defect that is not a critical defect—

a defect that makes inoperable only 1 of several standard fire extinguishers in a part of a building