

Nightwear for Children Mandatory Standard



Mandatory Standard:

Australia has a mandatory standard for children's nightwear (sizes 00 to 14) that includes pyjamas sold as a set or as separates that includes flammability testing and labeling.

Categories:

Pyjamas are categorized based on their flammability. Categories 1 to 3 are considered low fire danger and require a "low fire danger" label, while category 4, which includes highly flammable garments, requires a "high fire danger" warning label.

Testing & Labeling Requirements:

Both pieces of the pyjamas, whether sold together or separately, must be tested for flammability and labeled accordingly. Garments must be labeled with the appropriate fire hazard warning (low or high) and the manufacturer's or supplier's name or trademark.

High Fire Danger:

Garments in category 4, which are considered highly flammable, must be clearly labeled with a flame symbol on a red background, according to the Australian standards.

This image is an example of a high fire hazard label.

The high fire hazard label features a flame graphic and text warning.

The high fire hazard label must comply with the requirements of the mandatory standard.



Low Fire Danger:

Garments in categories 1 to 3 are considered low fire danger and require a white label with black text. This can include close-fitting garments or those made from materials with a low fire risk.

This image is an example of a low fire hazard label.

The low fire hazard label features a flame graphic and text warning.

The low fire hazard label must comply with the requirements of the mandatory standard.

**Why Not All Highly Flammable?**

Not all pyjamas are highly flammable. Some are made from fabrics or designed in a way that makes them less likely to catch fire or burn quickly.

Consumer Responsibility:

Consumers should choose pyjamas with appropriate labels and be aware of the fire risks associated with different fabrics and designs.

Products the mandatory standard applies to

The mandatory standard applies to safety testing and labelling of nightwear for children in sizes 00 to 14 unless stated otherwise.

This includes the following:

- pyjamas sold as top and bottom together or nightwear separates
- knitted nightwear all-in-ones, size 3 to 14
- woven nightwear all-in-ones, size 00 to 14
- mostly knitted all-in-one garments, size 00 to 2 that are made from or include fabrics with a pile or nap
- nightdresses and nighties
- nightshirts
- dressing gowns
- bathrobes
- boxer shorts of a loose style commonly used as nightwear
- infant sleep bags with sleeves or arm openings
- blankets and towels with sleeves or arm openings.

Products the mandatory standard does not apply to

The mandatory standard excludes the following type of garments:

- knitted all-in-one garments up to and including size 2 that aren't made from fabrics that have or include a pile or nap
- size 3-14 knitted daywear all-in-ones
- woven all-in-ones for daywear
- knitted trunks or boxer shorts in form fitting styles commonly worn as underwear
- tee-shirts, singlets, track tops and similar that aren't sold as nightwear and aren't part of a nightwear set
- track pants, leggings (with and without feet), shorts and similar that aren't sold as nightwear and aren't part of a nightwear set
- towels and blankets that don't have a sleeve or arm opening
- headwear, footwear and hand-wear
- infant sleep bags without sleeves or arm openings
- sleeping bags in all sizes often used for camping
- baby wraps and swaddles
- detachable capes, hoods, wings, tutus and similar costume accessories.

FAQ

1. Where can I find the fire rating category?

- Fabric fire rating categories can be found on the tag of the roll and on the salvage.

2. Can I just label any pyjamas with the highest flammability tag?

- No, you cannot. The correct label should be applied according to the manufacturer's flammability test along with the manufacturer's name or trademark.

3. Can I use donated fabric when I can't see the category?

- No, unfortunately not. You need to be certain of the flammability category.

4. Can I use t-shirts and shorts to make up a pyjama set without the flammability labeling?

- If these items are supplied or sold as a pyjama set, then they must have the required labelling according to the mandatory nightwear standard.

5. Do two-piece pyjama sets require the flammability labelling on both pieces?

- Yes, for children's two-piece pyjamas, both the top and bottom pieces are required to have flammability labeling, according to the ACCC. This ensures that consumers are aware of the fire danger associated with the garment.

For more information, please go to:

<https://www.productsafety.gov.au/business/search-mandatory-standards/nightwear-for-children-mandatory-standard>