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# PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee FP-002, Fire Detection, Warning, Control and Intercom Systems to supersede, in part (emergency warning portions), AS 2220.1—1989, *Emergency warning and intercommunication systems in buildings—Equipment, design and manufacture*.

The objective of this Standard is to specify the equipment requirements for a sound system used to assist in the safe evacuation of building occupants in the event of a fire alarm or other emergency.

This Standard is an adoption with national modifications and has been reproduced from IEC 60849:1998, *Sound systems for emergency purposes*, and has been varied as indicated to take account of Australian conditions. The national modifications include a reference to installation requirements contained in AS 1670.4 and maintenance requirements contained in AS 1851 in preference to the requirements in IEC 60849.

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## 1 Scope and object

### 1.1 Scope

This International Standard applies to sound reinforcement and distribution systems to be used to effect a rapid and orderly mobilization of occupants in an indoor or outdoor area in an emergency situation.

This standard applies to systems using tone signals and to systems with voice announcements for emergency purposes.

NOTES

1 The use of the system for normal sound reinforcement and distribution systems purposes under nonhazardous circumstances is not excluded.

2 It is recommended that the system, when used for emergency purposes, should form part of a complete facility (equipment, operating procedures and training programmes) for the control of emergencies.

3 Sound systems for emergency purposes may be the subject of approval by relevant authorities.

### 1.2 Object

The purpose of this standard is to specify the performance requirements for sound systems which are primarily intended to broadcast information for the protection of lives within one or more specified areas in an emergency.

The standard gives the characteristics and the methods of test necessary for the specification of the system.

## 2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All normative documents are subject to revision and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

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AS 1670.4, *Fire detection, warning, control and intercom systems—System design, installation and commissioning Part 4: Sound systems and intercom systems for emergency purposes*