

SMOKE ALARMS & CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS



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This brochure is intended to explain some of the requirements for smoke alarms. If you have further questions, please call the Building & Zoning Department.

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7:00 A.M.—4:30 P.M.

Smoke Alarms In Residential Facilities

When alterations, repairs or additions requiring a permit occur, or when one or more sleeping rooms are added or created in existing dwellings, the individual dwelling unit shall be equipped with smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms located as required for new dwellings. The alarms shall be interconnected in such a manner that the actuation of one alarm will activate all of the alarms in the individual unit. Physical interconnection of smoke alarms shall not be required where listed wireless alarms are installed and all alarms sound upon activation of one alarm.

Location of Smoke Alarms Within Dwelling Units:

Smoke alarms shall be installed in the following locations:

1. In each sleeping room.
2. Outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms.
3. On each additional story of the dwelling, including basements and habitable attics, but not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics. In dwellings or dwelling units with split levels and without an intervening door between the adjacent levels, a smoke alarm installed on the upper level shall suffice for the adjacent lower level provided the lower level is less than one full story below the upper level.



Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Where work requiring a permit occurs in existing dwellings that have attached garages or fuel fired appliances exist, carbon monoxide alarms shall be provided. Where household carbon monoxide detection is installed, it shall become a permanent fixture of the occupancy.

Location of Carbon Monoxide Alarms:

The carbon monoxide alarm shall be installed outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms in the dwelling unit.