

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms/Detectors

(for use in single family dwellings, townhomes & duplexes)

Smoke Alarms/Detectors

If your home has smoke alarms, check the date on the unit to determine how old it is. The NFPA recommends replacing your alarms every 10 years. All smoke alarms shall conform to the latest UL Standards. UL numbers are listed on the device and packaging. Hardwired alarms shall be replaced with hardwired alarms.

Location

The State Building Code tells us that, smoke alarms shall be installed in each of the following locations:

- In each sleeping room; and
- Outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms; and
- On each additional story of the dwelling, including basements but not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics.
- Installed per manufacturers recommendations.

Power Source

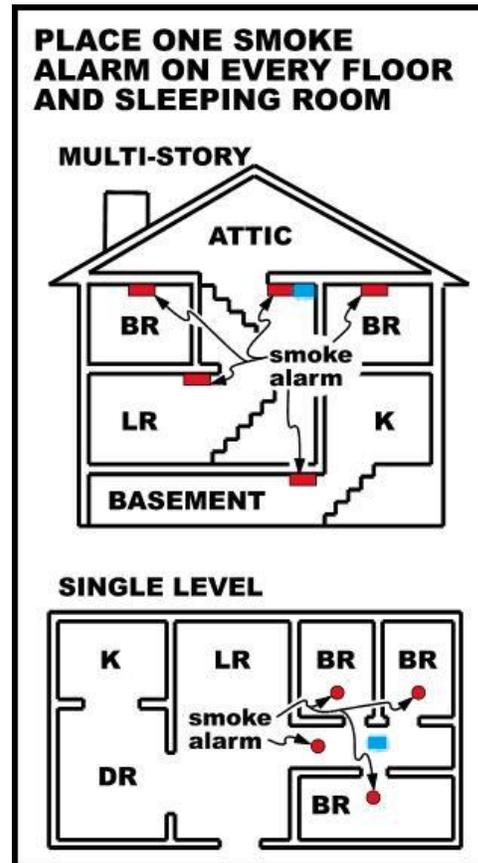
- Unfinished areas shall be hard wired and equipped with a battery backup.
- Existing finished areas may be solely battery

Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- Carbon monoxide alarms may be a combination type with a smoke alarm, or may be outlet powered or battery operated carbon monoxide alarm.
- All carbon monoxide alarms shall conform to the latest UL Standards. UL numbers are listed on the device and packaging. Install per manufacturers recommendations.

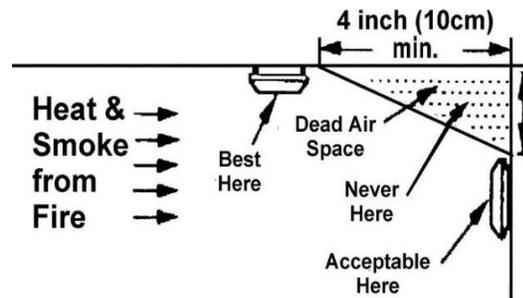
Location

- Within ten (10) feet of each room used for sleeping purposes.



Carbon Monoxide
Detector

Smoke
Detector



Smoke detectors shall be mounted on the ceiling at least 4" from a wall or on a wall with the top of the detector not less than 4" or more than 12" below the ceiling.

Effective Dates

Effective January 1, 2007 all newly constructed single family homes and multifamily dwelling units.

Effective August 1, 2008, all existing single family homes shall be equipped with an approved carbon monoxide alarm meeting U/L specifications.