



## FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

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Smoke Detectors Save Lives!



### REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATE OF SMOKE DETECTOR, CARBON MONOXIDE AND FIRE EXTINGUISHER COMPLIANCE

**Per New Jersey Statutes, the seller is responsible for this test unless otherwise provided.**

**This certificate is required and applies to any structure used or intended for use for residential purposes by not more than two households, or the structure is rented, sold or otherwise made subject to a change of occupancy BEFORE such change takes place.**

#### **REQUIREMENTS**

**A smoke detector is required** on every level of the home. On the levels where there are bedrooms, in addition to a smoke detector, **you are required to have a carbon monoxide detector\*\***. Battery powered or electric dual units (both smoke and carbon monoxide in one housing) are acceptable.

If you have a basement or crawl space over four (4) feet high, or an attic which has a permanent staircase (not a pull down type) it is considered a level and must have a smoke detector.

**Portable fire extinguisher:** One (1) portable fire extinguisher; **2-1/2 pounds** to 10 pounds, rated minimum: **1-A:10-B:C** is required. It is important to note the extinguisher **MUST** carry the ABC rating, not just B-C.

#### **MOUNTING**

Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarm(s) are required to be **mounted outside the bedroom(s), within ten (10) feet of the bedroom door**. Battery powered detectors are acceptable.

**Smoke detectors\*:** shall be mounted (screwed) to the ceiling or wall. If you choose to mount the smoke detector on the wall, follow the manufacturer's instructions. In no case shall the top edge of the detector be less than four (4) nor more than twelve (12) inches from the ceiling. If ceiling mounted, no closer than 12 inches to the wall. If mounting in a basement, detectors shall be mounted at the bottom of the staircase.

**Carbon Monoxide Detectors\*\*:** **only** required to be **mounted** on bedroom levels following the manufacturer's instructions on walls or ceiling. Eye level mounting is preferred. Detectors may be either battery powered or 110v. If using house current, it must be plugged into an un-switched outlet (receptacle).

**Dual Units:** Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in one unit. Units must be mounted as a smoke detector described above.

**Fire Extinguisher:** required to be mounted no less than two (2) feet nor more than five (5) feet from the floor, either in the kitchen or within ten (10) feet of the kitchen. I will permit this extinguisher to be mounted in a cabinet, closet or cupboard provided it is **readily available** for use as determined by the fire inspector.

\* Smoke detectors which run on household current, or battery, but are interconnected (if one sounds alarm, they all sound the alarm) are sometimes found inside the bedroom(s) but are not required to be central station monitored.

\*\* Carbon monoxide alarms are not required if the home is a total electric home, without attached garage. It cannot have any fuel burning appliance or fireplace, wood stove etc.