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SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR INSPECTIONS

**ALL SMOKE DETECTORS MUST BE WITHIN
10 YEARS OF DATE OF MANUFACTURE
ALL SMOKE DETECTORS SHALL BE MOUNTED ON CEILING**

HOUSE BUILT PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1975*

**** Smoke alarms installed prior to December 1, 2016 that met requirements of existing regulations upon installation will continue to meet regulatory requirements of 527 CMR 1.00 and requirements for sale/transfer in accordance with M.G.L. c. 148, s. 26F until the devices are 10 years old or have exceeded the manufacturer's recommended life.

- **Effective December 1, 2016**
- New alarms must be **photoelectric** only.
- New battery powered alarms must have 10-year, sealed, non-rechargeable, non-replaceable batteries and must contain a hush feature to silence nuisance alarms.
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- Smoke detector on every habitable level of the residence.
- Smoke detector outside each separate sleeping area.
- Smoke detector at the base of each set of stairs
- Minimum of one smoke detector installed for every 1,200 square feet of living space per level
- Smoke detectors in the garage (attached or integral)
- Carbon monoxide alarms are required on every level of the residence, including basements and habitable attics, and must be located within 10 feet of each bedroom door
- All detectors may be hardwired (w/battery back-up) or battery powered
- All detectors must sound properly
- If a combination Smoke/Carbon Monoxide detector is used it must have a voice feature differentiating the type of alarm activation

HOUSE BUILT 1975 -1997*

- All smoke detectors must be photoelectric
- Smoke detector on every habitable level of the residence
- Smoke detector at the base of each set of stairs
- Smoke detector outside each separate sleeping area
- Smoke detectors must be hardwired and interconnected with battery backup
- Minimum of one smoke detector installed for every 1,200 square feet of living space per level
- Heat detector in the garage (attached or integral)
- Carbon monoxide alarms are required on every level of the residence, including basements and habitable attics and must be located within 10 feet of each bedroom door
- Carbon monoxide alarms may be hardwired or battery powered
- All detectors must sound properly
- Combination detectors (photoelectric smoke and carbon monoxide alarm) may be used; the detector must have a voice feature differentiating the type of alarm activation

HOUSE BUILT 1997-2007*

- All smoke detectors must be photoelectric
- Smoke detector on every habitable level of the residence
- Smoke detector at the base of each set of stairs
- Smoke detector outside each sleeping area
- Smoke detector in each bedroom
- Heat detector in the garage (attached or integral)
- Smoke detectors must be hardwired and interconnected with battery backup
- Minimum of one smoke detector installed for every 1,200 square feet of living space per level
- Carbon monoxide alarms are required on every level of the residence, including basements and habitable attics, and must be located within 10 feet of each bedroom door
- Carbon monoxide detectors may be hardwired or battery powered
- All detectors sound properly
- Combination detectors (photoelectric smoke and carbon monoxide alarm) may be used; the detector must have a voice feature differentiating the type of alarm activation

HOUSE BUILT JANUARY 2008 – FEBRUARY 4, 2011*

- All smoke detectors must be photoelectric
- Smoke detector on every habitable level of the residence
- Smoke detector at the base of each stairway
- Smoke detector outside of each separate sleeping area
- Smoke detector in each bedroom
- Minimum of one smoke detector installed for every 1,200 square feet of living space per level
- All detectors must be hardwired and interconnected with battery backup
- Carbon monoxide alarms are required on every level of the residence, including basements and habitable attics, and must be located within 10 feet of each bedroom door
- Combination detectors (photoelectric smoke and carbon monoxide alarm) may be used; the detector must have a voice feature differentiating the type of alarm activation.
- Carbon monoxide alarms must be hardwired and interconnected with battery backup (may be separately wired from the existing smoke detection system)
- All detectors sound properly
- Heat detector in the garage (attached or integral)

HOUSE BUILT AFTER FEBRUARY 4, 2011*

- All smoke detectors must be photoelectric
- Smoke detector on every habitable level of the residence
- Smoke detector at the base of each set of stairs
- Smoke detector outside of each separate sleeping area
- Smoke detector in each bedroom
- Minimum of one smoke detector installed for every 1,200 square feet of living space per level
- All detectors must be hardwired and interconnected with battery backup
- Heat detector in the garage (attached or integral)
- Carbon monoxide alarms are required on every level of the residence, including basements and habitable attics, and must be located within 10 feet of each bedroom door
- Combination detectors (photoelectric smoke and carbon monoxide alarm) may be used; the detector must have a voice feature differentiating the type of alarm activation
- Carbon monoxide alarms must be hardwired and interconnected with battery backup (may be separately wired from the existing smoke detection system)

- All detectors sound properly

***ALL homes require block numbers at least 4" tall,
in a contrasting color, and visible from the street***