



Township of Clinton Bureau of Fire Safety

Smoke Alarm, Carbon Monoxide Alarm, and Fire Extinguisher Guidelines

(The fire codes may be changing soon please check back for updates)

Smoke Alarm(s)/Detector(s):

- Smoke alarm(s) shall be installed on each level of the premises.
- Smoke alarm(s) shall be installed outside of each separate sleeping area.
- Smoke alarm(s) shall be located in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Homes built prior to **1977**: Battery operated smoke alarm(s) on all levels.
- Homes built between: **1978 - 1983**: Electric smoke alarm(s) on sleeping levels, basement and battery operated smoke alarm(s) on all other levels.
- Homes built between: **1983 - 1984**: Electric smoke alarm(s) on all levels.
- Homes built between: **1984-1991**: Electric smoke alarm(s) on every level and interconnected.
- Homes built between: **1991- Present**: Electric (hard wired) smoke alarm(s) are interconnected with battery backup. These alarm(s) must be located on every level as well as in the vicinity of each sleeping areas, and in each sleeping area.

Carbon Monoxide Alarm(s):

- Carbon monoxide alarm(s) shall be installed and maintained in the immediate vicinity of the sleeping area(s). (Within 10 feet of all sleeping areas)
- Carbon monoxide alarm(s) may be battery-operated, hard-wired or of the plug in type and shall be listed in accordance with UL-2034 and shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of the NJ Uniform Fire Code and NFPA-720.

Fire Extinguisher(s):

- Rated for residential use consisting of an ABC type
- No larger than a 10 pounds
- Mounted within 10 feet of the kitchen area (use bracket provided by manufacture)
- Fire extinguisher is new or recertified by fire extinguisher contractor

Note: A kitchen BC Type fire extinguisher will **not** be accepted

- Fire extinguisher shall be current within 1 year (check the date on extinguisher to ensure it is current or an extinguisher can be serviced and tagged by a certified company)

Important Information: Unfortunately, our inspectors cannot remove their boots for safety reasons. Central Alarm systems will not be tested. Homes that only have a central alarm system shall provide a current alarm report from the alarm contractor/certified electrician that the system is fully operational and meets the requirements of the NJ Uniform Fire Code.



Township of Clinton Bureau of Fire Safety Checklist

(More regulations may or will apply)

- Smoke alarm(s) located on each level. Hardwired alarms have been maintained.
Note: (Depends on year of construction) Basement, 1st floor and 2nd floor if applicable.
- Smoke alarm(s) maintained with the original construction code requirements.
Note: *Smoke Alarms in some dwellings are required to have alarms inside the sleeping area. Depends on year of construction. See guidelines for more information*
Note: *Please see additional inspection requirements for more details.*

- Smoke alarm(s), carbon monoxide alarm(s), & fire extinguisher installed according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Note: *Manufacturers, NFPA 72, & NFPA 720 require smoke and carbon monoxide alarm(s)/detector(s) to be replaced after 7-10 years. If your smoke alarms are older than 10 years; replace them. If your Carbon Monoxide Alarm is older than 7 years; replace them.*

- Smoke alarm(s) and carbon monoxide(s) are in working order.
- Smoke alarm(s) located in the immediate vicinity outside of each sleeping area.
- Carbon monoxide alarm(s) located 10 feet or closer outside each sleeping area.
- Fire extinguisher mounted with the manufacturer's supplied bracket in the kitchen or 10' from the kitchen area.
- Handle of extinguisher no higher than 5 feet and the bottom no lower than 4 inches.
- Fire extinguisher is an ABC type and no larger than 10 pounds.
- Fire extinguisher is new and/or current within 1 year.
- Fire Extinguisher has not been recalled or has no defects.

Note: *Re-servicing a Fire extinguisher by licensed contractor or a new unit showing a current date on the physical unit will be accepted)*

- If the property has a central (monitored) alarm system (including smoke & carbon monoxide detectors) it shall be on test promptly after the inspector's arrival and during the duration of the inspection.

Note: *An inspection will not be completed if the system is not on test*

Important: The inspector will not test a central alarm system (monitored) and will require a current annual report from the alarm company if it is the only system for that house. The entire system must be in working order and meet the minimum requirements of the NJ Uniform Fire Code.