



Township of Clinton & Lebanon Borough

Bureau of Fire Safety

Smoke Alarm, Carbon Monoxide Alarm, and Fire Extinguisher Guidelines

Note: Please understand that this guideline cannot contain every possible scenario of a non-compliant inspection or provide the full details of the manufacturer’s installation and maintenance instructions of certain devices. If there are any uncertainties please reach out to the Bureau of Fire Safety for assistance.

SMOKE ALARM(S)/DETECTOR(S) REQUIREMENTS:

Memo: Battery operated smoke alarms shall be of the 10 year sealed battery type starting January 1st 2019.

Note: If any smoke alarm is older than 10 years the device shall be replaced.

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Prior to January 1977	Battery operated smoke alarm(s) on all levels.
January 1977- September 1978	Electric (hardwired) smoke alarm(s) on sleeping levels and battery operated smoke alarm(s) on all other levels.
October 1978 - January 1983	Electric (hardwired) smoke alarms on sleeping & basement level. Battery operated smoke alarms on all other levels.
February 1983 - July 1984	Electric (hardwired) smoke alarm(s) on all levels.
August 1984 - February 1991	Electric (hardwired) smoke alarm(s) on all levels. All alarms must be interconnected.
March 1991 – 2016 February	Electric (hardwired) 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.
March 2016 - Present	All smoke alarms must be electric (hardwired), interconnected and have battery backup. Note: Carbon monoxide alarms shall be connected to the building power (Combination alarms are approved)

- SMOKE ALARMS SHALL BE INSTALLED ON EACH LEVEL OF THE PREMISES.
- SMOKE ALARMS SHALL BE INSTALLED OUTSIDE OF EACH SEPARATE SLEEPING AREA.
- SMOKE ALARMS SHALL BE INSTALLED, TESTED, AND MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH NFPA 72, WHICH INCLUDES THE MANUFACTURER’S INSTRUCTIONS.
- BATTERY OPERATED SMOKE ALARMS SHALL BE IN CLOSE PROXIMITY (WITHIN 10FT) TO THE BASE OF THE STAIRS IN THE BASEMENT.
- SMOKE ALARM(S)/DETECTOR(S) ARE NOT OLDER THAN 10 YEARS OR ANY OTHER DATE SPECIFIED BY THE MANUFACTURE FOR REPLACEMENT. REPLACE ALL SMOKE ALARMS OLDER THAN 10 YEARS.

CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM(S) REQUIREMENTS:

- CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM(S) SHALL BE INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE SLEEPING AREAS. (OUTSIDE THE SLEEPING AREAS WITHIN 10 FEET)

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- 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. NEW RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS SHALL BE CONNECTED TO THE BUILDING POWER.
- CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS HAVE A LIFE SPAN OF 5-10 YEARS DEPENDING ON THE MANUFACTURER AND MODEL. REVIEW THE MANUFACTURE'S REPLACEMENT DATE THAT CAN BE FOUND ON THE INSTRUCTIONS AND THE BACK SIDE OF THE UNIT. ANY UNIT PAST ITS REPLACEMENT DATE MAY NOT NOTIFY OCCUPANTS OF CARBON MONOXIDE.

PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER REQUIREMENTS:

A PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER SHALL BE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- THE EXTINGUISHER SHALL BE WITHIN 10 FEET OF THE KITCHEN AND LOCATED IN THE PATH OF EGRESS;
- THE EXTINGUISHER SHALL BE READILY ACCESSIBLE AND NOT OBSTRUCTED FROM VIEW;
- DO NOT INSTALL IT IN ANY CABINET, CLOSET, OR SEPARATE ROOM WITH A CLOSING DOOR
- THE EXTINGUISHER SHALL BE MOUNTED USING THE MANUFACTURER'S HANGING BRACKET SO THE OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS ARE CLEARLY VISIBLE;

NOTE: DO NOT USE OLD BRACKETS, ONLY USE THE BRACKET SUPPLIED BY MANUFACTURER

- THE EXTINGUISHER SHALL BE AN APPROVED LISTED AND LABELED TYPE WITH A MINIMUM RATING OF 2A-10B:C AND NO MORE THAN 10 POUNDS; (ABC TYPE)
- THE OWNER'S MANUAL OR WRITTEN OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS (THESE ARE PHYSICAL INSTRUCTIONS) SHALL BE PROVIDED DURING THE INSPECTION AND LEFT FOR THE NEW OCCUPANT; (THIS IS DIFFERENT FROM THE OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS & INFORMATION ON THE FRONT OF THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER)
- THE EXTINGUISHER SHALL BE SERVICED AND TAGGED BY A CERTIFIED DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY CONTRACTOR WITHIN THE PAST 12 MONTHS OR THE SELLER MUST HAVE A RECEIPT FOR A RECENTLY PURCHASED EXTINGUISHER. (*FIRE EXTINGUISHER SHALL HAVE A CURRENT DATE ON THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER OR TAGGED AND CERTIFIED*)
- THE TOP OF THE EXTINGUISHER SHALL NOT BE MORE THAN FIVE FEET ABOVE THE FLOOR AND NO LOWER THAN 4 INCHES FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER TO THE FLOOR.
- FIRE EXTINGUISHER HAS NOT BEEN RECALLED AND HAS NO DEFECTS.
- FIRE EXTINGUISHER IS AN ABC TYPE

NOTE: A KITCHEN BC TYPE FIRE EXTINGUISHER WILL **NOT** BE ACCEPTED.
1A-10B:C FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ARE PROHIBITED.

NOTE: IF A HOME HAS MORE THAN ONE KITCHEN OR COOKING AREA, ADDITIONAL FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ARE REQUIRED.

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 or both smoke alarms and a central station as a supplemental system the owners 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.

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