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## Requirements for Smoke Detector, Carbon Monoxide Alarm, and Portable Fire Extinguisher Compliance

### Smoke Detectors (NFPA-72)

**Built Before 1977:** 10 year sealed battery-powered single station smoke detectors must be installed on each level of the structure and outside each sleeping area, in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms.

**Built from January 1977- February 21, 1983:** Electric (120 volt) hard wired smoke detectors must be installed on each level, and in the immediate vicinity of each sleeping area. They are not required to be interconnected.

**Built from February 22, 1983- April 30, 1993:** Electric (120 volt) hard wired multi-station smoke detectors are installed on each level and in the immediate vicinity of each sleeping area. They must be interconnected.

**Built from May 1, 1993- present:** Electric (120 volt) hard wired multi-station smoke detectors with battery backup are installed in all bedrooms, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the structure. They must be interconnected.

### Carbon Monoxide Alarms (NFPA-720)

Carbon monoxide alarms are required in all dwelling units that contain fuel-burning devices or have an attached garage.

Single station carbon monoxide alarms shall be installed and maintained in the immediate vicinity of the sleeping area(s).

Carbon monoxide alarms may be battery-operated, hard-wired or of the plug-in type and shall be listed and labeled in accordance with UL-2034 and shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of this section and NFPA-720.

### Fire Extinguisher

**Fire extinguishers are required in all yearly rentals and for the sale of all units within 1 and 2 family dwellings.**

An approved, listed, and labeled type **2A-10B:C** portable fire extinguisher shall be :  
mounted using the manufacturer's hanging bracket so the operating instructions are clearly visible;  
within 10 feet of the kitchen and located in the path of egress;  
readily accessible and not obstructed from view;  
the top of the extinguisher shall not be more than five feet above the floor.

**Exception:** Portable fire extinguishers shall not be required for seasonal summer units.