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Smoke Alarms / Carbon Monoxide Alarms Additions, Alterations and Repairs to Existing Dwellings

Where a permit is required for alterations, repairs or additions exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1000) valuation, smoke detectors shall be installed in all locations listed below. **Existing dwellings or sleeping units that have attached garages or fuel burning appliances shall also be provided with a carbon monoxide alarm in locations listed below.**

Power Source: In new construction, required Smoke alarms and Carbon monoxide alarms shall be interconnected and receive their primary power from the building wiring. The Smoke alarms and Carbon monoxide alarms shall have a battery back-up that emits a signal when the battery charge is low.

Smoke alarms and Carbon monoxide alarms may be solely battery operated when installed in an existing dwelling where repairs or alterations do not result in the removal of wall or ceiling finishes or there is no access by means of attic, basement or crawl space.

Smoke Alarm Locations within Existing Dwelling Units:

1. In each sleeping room.
2. Outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms.
3. On each additional story of the dwelling, including basements and habitable attics but not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics. In dwellings or dwelling units with split levels and without intervening door between the adjacent levels, a smoke alarm on the upper level shall suffice for the adjacent lower level provided the lower level is less than one full story below the upper.
4. In dwelling units where the ceiling height of a room open to the hallway serving the bedrooms exceeds that of the hallway by 24 inches, smoke detectors shall be installed in the hallway and the adjacent room.

Carbon Monoxide Alarm Locations within Existing Dwelling Units:

1. Outside of each separate dwelling unit sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedroom(s).
2. On every level of a dwelling unit including basements.

Devices must be listed and approved for the appropriate use by the State Fire Marshal

<http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/>

Reference sections R314 & R315 of the 2013 California Residential Code

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