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Certificate of Occupancy - Fire Safety Requirements

The following lists are provided so that applicants can prepare for the Fire Safety inspection required to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy.

SMOKE ALARM REQUIREMENTS

- √ At minimum, one smoke alarm must be installed on every level of the home, including basements. A separate floor level is considered when three or more steps are between it.
- √ Smoke alarms shall be located no further than 10 feet from the bedroom doors.
- √ Smoke alarms in the basement should be installed on the ceiling/beam at the base of the stairs.
- √ Finished loft/attic space that can be used as livable space must have smoke alarm.
- √ Battery operated smoke alarms must have a Ten-year Sealed Battery.
- √ Existing hard-wired alarms cannot be replaced with battery types.
- √ Smoke alarms shall not be more than 10 years old.

CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM REQUIREMENTS

- √ Carbon monoxide alarms shall be installed within 10 feet from any sleeping area.
- √ Alarms shall be either in the common area between sleeping areas OR in all bedrooms.
- √ Existing hardwired alarms cannot be replaced with battery types.
- √ Sleeping areas are considered when a closet and heating device are present.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER REQUIREMENTS

- √ One fire extinguisher is required for ALL residential dwellings.
- √ Fire Extinguishers shall have a minimum rating of 2A:10BC and no more than 10 pounds.
- √ Extinguisher must be visible and in a readily accessible location no more than 10 feet from the kitchen.
- √ Extinguishers may not be more than 12 years old.
- √ Extinguishers must be listed, labeled, charged and operable.