

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarm Requirements

1. Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms shall be located in the following locations:

- a) One in every sleeping room.
- b) One outside the sleeping area (corridor) that is in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms.
- c) On each additional story of the dwelling, including the basement and attics lawfully converted to habitable space.
- d) In dwellings or dwelling units with split-levels and without an intervening door between the adjacent levels. A smoke alarm installed on the upper level shall suffice for the adjacent lower level provided that the lower level is less than one full-story below the upper level.
- e) Smoke alarms shall be installed not less than 3 feet (914 mm) horizontally from the door or opening of a bathroom that contains a bathtub or shower unless this would prevent placement of a smoke alarm required by Section [R314.3](#).

2. Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Carbon Monoxide Alarm shall be located in the following locations:

- a) A carbon monoxide alarm shall be provided on every story containing a sleeping area and within 10 feet. More than one carbon monoxide alarm may be required to ensure no areas requiring a CO alarm exceed the 10 feet distance.
- b) A carbon monoxide alarm shall be provided on every story that contains a carbon monoxide source.
- c) A combination smoke/ carbon monoxide detector can be substituted for two individual detectors in the same location where required above in 1b or 2a.

All alarms can be operated with a 10 year battery Carbon Monoxide Source

A Fossil Fuel Burning device: Any device that uses wood, oil, natural gas or liquid propane gas as fuel to operate.

Examples of a fossil fuel burning device are as follows: Fire place, oil or gas boiler, oil or gas furnace, gas stove, oil or gas water heater and etc.

Should you have any additional questions, please contact the Building Department at 914-273-3000 ext. 44.