

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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Attention Homeowners and Contractors

As per the Residential Code of New York State, most permits (example: Major or minor alterations, boiler, gas piping, wood stoves, pellet stoves, furnaces, oil tanks, etc.) issued by the Building Department will require the installation of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in existing 1 & 2 family homes. The department requires the successful placement and testing of these alarms at final inspection in order to receive a certificate of compliance for the building permit.

Smoke Alarms (R314). Smoke alarms shall be *listed* in accordance with UL 217. Combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms shall be *listed* in accordance with UL 217 and UL 2034. Smoke alarms shall be installed in the following locations;

1. In each sleeping room.
2. Outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms.
3. On each additional story of the dwelling, including basements but not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics.

Power Source. Smoke alarms shall be permitted to be battery operated unless ceiling or wall finishes are being removed to expose the structure. Battery operated smoke alarms are not required to be interconnected in accordance with Appendix J.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms (R315). Carbon monoxide alarms shall be listed and labeled as complying with UL 2034 or CAN/CSA 6.19. Carbon monoxide alarms shall be provided in the following locations;

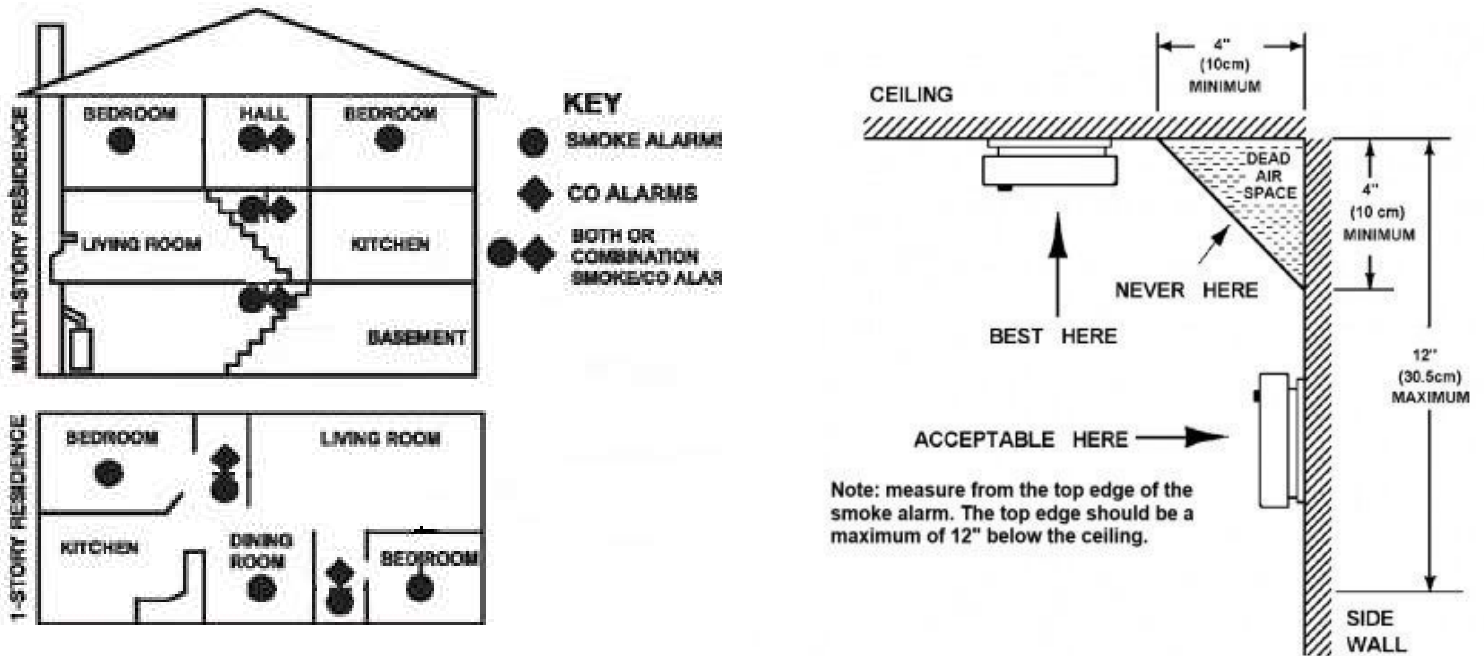
1. Within each dwelling unit on each story containing a sleeping area, within 10 feet of the sleeping area. More than one carbon monoxide alarm shall be provided where necessary to assure that no sleeping area on a story is more than 10 feet from a carbon monoxide alarm.
2. On any story of a dwelling unit that contains a carbon monoxide source.

Power Source. In other than bed and breakfast dwellings, carbon monoxide alarms shall be permitted to be battery operated when installed in buildings without commercial power or an on-site electrical power system, or in buildings where existing interior wall or ceiling finishes are not removed to expose the structure. Carbon monoxide alarms shall not be required to be interconnected where battery operated alarms are permitted.

- Follow manufacturers installation instructions provided with the smoke alarm or carbon monoxide alarm for proper installation and maintenance. Combination Smoke/Carbon Monoxide alarms are acceptable.
- Any question contact the Building Department 845-485-3655.

Smoke Alarm placement and installation (over)

Smoke Alarm placement and Installation



- Do not place an alarm closer than 3 feet from an air register that might re-circulate smoke.
- Make sure smoke alarms are at least 18 inches from a corner.
- Do not place a unit on an uninsulated exterior wall or ceiling.
- Place smoke alarms at least 3 feet from ceiling fans.
- 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.
- Ionization smoke alarms shall not be installed less than 20 feet (6096 mm) horizontally from a permanently installed cooking appliance.
- Photoelectric smoke alarms shall not be installed less than 6 feet (1828 mm) horizontally from a permanently installed cooking appliance.