

REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

The following are required and must be inspected in order to receive a Certificate of Compliance:

1. **Smoke Detectors** - must be installed on every level of a residence: basement, first floor, second floor (excluding crawl spaces and unfinished attics) and in every separate sleeping area, between sleeping areas and living areas such as the kitchen, garage, basement or utility room. In homes with one sleeping area on one floor, a detector is to be put in the hallway outside the bedrooms. In single floor homes with two separate sleeping areas, two detectors are required, one outside of each sleeping area. In multi-level homes, detectors should be located outside sleeping areas and on every finished level of the home. Basement level detectors should be located in the bottom stairwells.

To avoid false alarms and/or improper operation, avoid installation of smoke detectors in the following areas:

- Kitchens – smoke from cooking may cause a nuisance alarm
 - Bathrooms - excessive steam from a shower may cause a nuisance alarm
 - Forced Air Ducts (used for heating or air conditioning) – air movement may prevent smoke from reaching the detector
 - Near Furnaces – air and dust movement and normal combustion products may cause a nuisance alarm
 - The “Dead Air” space where ceiling meet the wall
 - The peak of an “A” frame type of ceiling – “Dead Air” at the top may prevent smoke from reaching the detector.
2. **Carbon Monoxide Alarms** – Effective February 1, 2003, NJ State Law requires one carbon monoxide detector in each sleeping are to be installed, as per manufacturer’s instructions, in all one and two family homes upon resale or rental. Carbon monoxide detectors will also be inspected along with the smoke detectors.
 3. **Fire Extinguishers** – Effective November 1, 2005, FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ARE REQUIRED in one and two family dwellings. The requirements for the type and placement of the fire extinguishers are as follows:
 - One Portable Fire Extinguisher:
 - Rated for residential use
 - Type ABC
 - 10 pounds or less
 - Mounted within 10 feet of the kitchen, unless otherwise permitted by the enforcing agency