

DRACUT FIRE DEPARTMENT
488 PLEASANT ST.
DRACUT, MA 01826

SMOKE/CO DETECTOR INSPECTION CHECKLIST

- Schedule at least two (2) weeks in advance.
(This will allow you time to repair any deficiencies)
 - Check for \$50.00 (re-inspections are \$15 or \$30)
 - Make sure the proper type devices are in the proper locations and that they are working accordingly.
 - CO detectors must be present:
 - a. One on each habitable level. Within ten (10) feet of any bedroom.
 - b. May be battery operated, plug-in with battery back-up, or hardwired with battery back-up.
 - c. If building permit was issued after 03/31/06, must be hardwired, interconnected and battery back-up.
(*Electric heat has no Carbons unless fossil fuel, i.e. stove, fireplace.*)
*Hardwired carbons in all new homes or older homes with bedroom additions.
 - Smoke Detectors: If house was built prior to: (see below)
with NO added bedrooms;
 - a. 1975: Battery detectors only See back page for new code eff. 12/01/16
 - b. 1975-1998: Hardwired, interconnected - one on each level including basement. Cannot be greater than ten years old.
 - c. 1998 or added bedroom after 1998, hardwired, interconnected with battery back-up, one on each level and one in each bedroom, photoelectric within twenty (20) feet of kitchen or bathroom.
 - d. ALL SMOKES ARE TO BE CEILING MOUNTED and not greater than 10 years old.
 - House numbers (#'s) must be high on either side of the door, three (3") or higher, in contrasting color & visible from the street. (Not on the Door)
 - Compliance permits are good for sixty (60) days from date of inspection.
 - If heated with OIL, a current Oil Burner Permit, matching the current burner, must be present at the time of inspection.
 - If home has been converted to gas heat, the oil tank and all piping must be removed PRIOR to inspection.

* As of 01-01-08 all attached garages that are built must have a heat detector. Heat detector must be audible and connected to hardwired smoke detectors in the house.

* Combination Carbon & Smoke detectors must be VOICE activated and photoelectric. ANY SMOKE DETECTOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS OLD MUST BE REPLACED.
- *NEST SYSTEMS: The Nest system is not code compliant if heat detection is required (i.e., attic/garage). Nest does not manufacture a heat detection unit.

EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2016

NEW SMOKE DETECTOR REQUIREMENTS FOR ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS BUILT PRIOR TO 1975 WITH NO ADDITIONS OR SUBSTANTIAL ALTERATIONS

- Any compliant smoke alarm installed prior to the effective date can remain until they have reached 10 years old or has exceeded the manufacturer's recommended life.
- ALL SMOKE ALARMS MUST BE PHOTOELECTRIC.
- Combination smoke and carbon monoxide sensor must be voice activated and photoelectric.
- Smoke alarms must be mounted in the following areas:
 - On every habitable level of the dwelling, including the basement.
 - On the ceiling at the base of each stairway leading to a floor above.
 - On the ceiling outside each separate sleeping area.
- May be battery powered, hardwired, or a combination of both. (This only applies to homes built prior to 1975 with no additions or substantial renovations. All others must be hardwired and interconnected.)
- New battery powered alarms must have 10 year, sealed, non-rechargeable, non-replaceable battery.
- Battery powered alarms that are more than 10 years old, or have expired, must be replaced with a 10 year sealed battery unit.
- In two family homes, each individual unit must comply with the above stated code. In addition, smoke alarms are required in any common areas must be hardwired.

Although it is not a requirement of this code, it is strongly recommended that smoke alarms be installed on the ceiling of each bedroom. Non-required (such as bedrooms) smoke alarms may use replaceable batteries and may be photoelectric, ionization, or both.

Wireless alarms with photoelectric sensing technology may have a replaceable battery provided the battery lasts at least one year. Wireless alarms must meet the same minimum requirements stated above when they are installed following the manufacturer's instructions and are in required locations.