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## **SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS/DETECTORS** (for use in single family dwellings, townhomes, and duplexes)

### **Smoke Alarms/Detectors**

If your home has smoke alarms, check the date on the unit to determine how old it is. The NFPA recommends replacing your alarms every 10 years. All smoke alarms shall conform to the latest UL Standards. UL numbers are listed on the device and packaging. Hardwired alarms shall be replaced with hardwired alarms.

#### **Location**

The State Building Code requires smoke alarms be installed in each of the following locations:

- In each sleeping room; and
- Outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms; and
- On each additional story of the dwelling, including basements but not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics.
- Installed per manufacturers recommendations.

#### **Power Source**

Unfinished areas shall be hard wired and equipped with a battery backup. Existing finished areas may be solely battery.

#### **Carbon Monoxide Alarms**

- Carbon monoxide alarms may be a combination type with a smoke alarm, or may be outlet powered or battery operated carbon monoxide alarm.
- All carbon monoxide alarms shall conform to the latest UL Standards. UL numbers are listed on the device and packaging. Install per manufacturers recommendations.

#### **Location**

Within ten (10) feet of each room used for sleeping purposes.

#### **Effective Dates**

Effective January 1, 2007, all newly constructed single family homes and multifamily dwelling units.

Effective August 1, 2008, all existing single family homes shall be equipped with an approved carbon monoxide alarm meeting U/L specifications.

