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APPLICATION AND
CERTIFICATION IN LIEU OF
INSPECTION FOR CERTIFICATE
OF SMOKE DETECTOR AND CARBON
MONOXIDE ALARM AND PORTABLE FIRE
EXTINGUISHER COMPLIANCE



Dwelling Location: Block: _____ Lot: _____
(not mailing address)
Street: _____
Municipality: _____ County: _____

*NOTE: ALL BOXES MUST BE CHECKD IN ORDER FOR CERTIFICATION TO BE VALID

- Smoke detector on each level of the dwelling, including basements, excluding attic or crawl space; and
 Smoke detector and carbon monoxide alarm outside each separate sleeping area; and within 10 feet of bedrooms
 All smoke detectors are in working order. Carbon monoxide alarm(s) in working order
 Fire extinguisher is the correct size, is properly mounted, and is located within 10 feet of the kitchen
This is a _____ story dwelling with without a basement.

An inspection shall be conducted by the owner or an authorized representative of the owner. The smoke detectors required above shall be located in accordance with NFIPA 74; the carbon monoxide alarm(s) installed per NFPA-720. The detectors are not required to be interconnected. Battery powered detectors and alarms are acceptable. Note: AC powered and/or interconnected alarms and smoke detectors installed in homes constructed after January, 1977 shall be maintained in working order. The fire extinguisher is installed per P.L. 2005, c.71 (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-198.1 et seq). See diagrams on the back of this application for further information regarding installation.

Please mail certificate to: _____ Phone #: _____

Fax #: _____
Zip: _____

Contact person: _____ Phone #: _____ Closing Date: _____

I do hereby certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I will be subject to penalty.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Notary Signature

Applicant Signature

Printed Name

Note: A check or money order made payable to "Treasurer, State of New Jersey" must accompany this form. If closing date above follows the date of receipt by the Division of Fire Safety by more than ten business days, the fee is \$35; if received fewer than ten but more than four business days before closing, \$70; and if four business days or fewer, \$125. Once issued, a **Certificate is not transferable, nor is a fee refundable.** If the change of occupant does not occur within 6 months, a new application shall be required.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Team #: _____ Municipal Code: _____ Log Number: _____ Check Number: _____

WHERE TO LOCATE DETECTORS:

Detectors are to be located 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 only one sleeping area on one floor, a detector is to be placed in the hallway outside each sleeping area as shown in Figure 1. In single floor homes with two separate sleeping areas, two detectors are required, outside each sleeping area as shown in Figure 2. In multi-level homes, detectors are to be located outside sleeping areas and at every finished level of the home as shown in Figure 3. Basement level detectors are to be located in close proximity to the bottom of basement stairwells as shown in Figure 4.

WHERE NOT TO LOCATE DETECTORS:

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

- Kitchens-smoke from cooking may cause nuisance alarm.
- Bathrooms -excessive steam from a shower may cause a nuisance alarm.
- Near forced air ducts-used for heating or air conditioning-air movement may prevent smoke from reaching detector.
- Near furnaces of any type-air and dust movement and normal combustion products may cause a nuisance alarm.
- The 4 inch "Dead Air" space where the ceiling meets the wall, as shown in Figure 5.
- The peak of an "A" frame type of ceiling-"Dead Air" at the top may prevent smoke from reaching detector.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON DETECTOR PLACEMENT:

For further information about detector placement consult the National Protection Association's Standard No. 74-1984, titled "Household Fire Warning Equipment." This publication may be obtained by writing to the Publication Sales Department, National Fire Protection Association, Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA. 02269.

CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS are to be located in every separate sleeping area per NFPA 720 and manufacturer's recommendations.

WHERE TO LOCATE FIRE EXTINGUISHER:

Within 10 feet of the kitchen and located in the exit or travel path; and is visible and in a readily accessible location. The top of the fire extinguisher is not more than 5 feet above the floor and is mounted using manufactures hanger or brackets. Minimum size of 2A:10B:C and weigh no more than 10 pounds, is accompanied with the owners manual or with the proper written instructions. The extinguisher is listed, labeled, charged and operable. The extinguisher must have been serviced and tagged by a contractor certified by the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety within the past 12 months or seller must provide a recent proof of purchasing receipt.

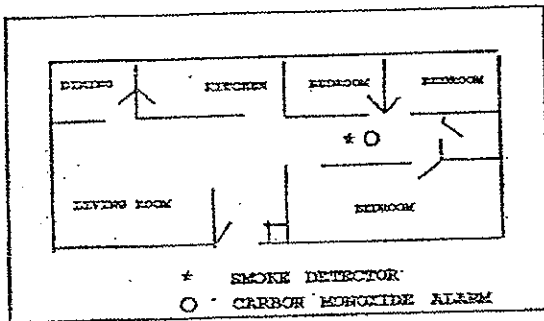


Figure 1

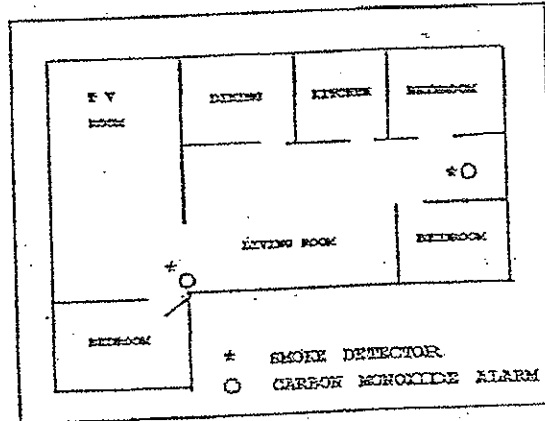


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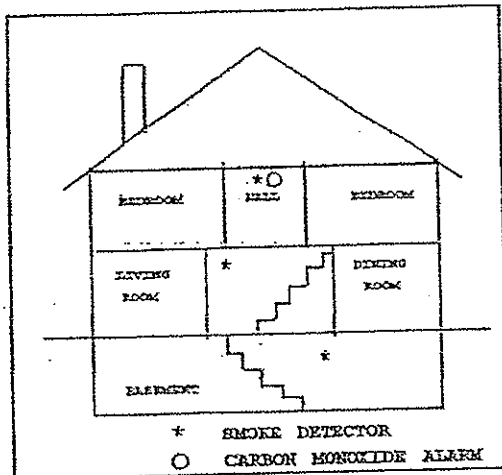


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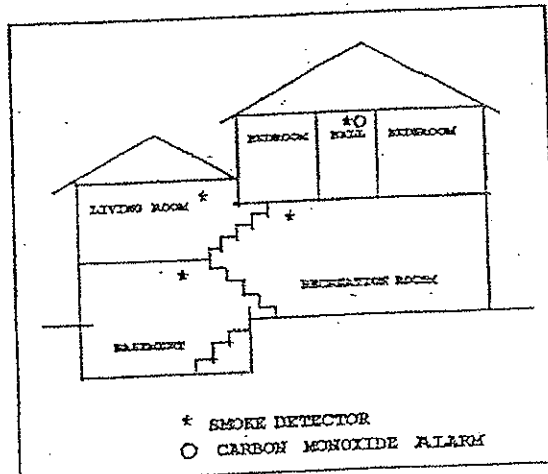


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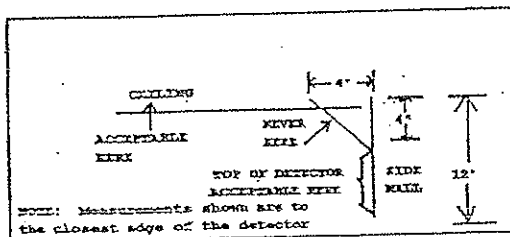


Figure 5

Department of Community Affairs
Division of Fire Safety
Memorandum

TO: All local Enforcing Agencies
FROM: Bureau of Fire Code Enforcement
SUBJECT: Requirements for Fire Extinguishers in One and Two Family Dwellings

The Legislature amended and enacted P.L. 1991, c. 92 (C.52:27D-198.1) requiring that all one and two family dwellings at a change of occupancy be provided with a portable fire extinguisher, in addition to the requirements for smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. This provision does not apply to seasonal rental units. This act was signed into law on April 14, 2005 with an effective date of November 1, 2005.

The regulations were recently made available for public comment. The comment period has ended and the final adoption of the regulations will appear in the New Jersey Register in the near future. The Division of Fire Safety is advising all local enforcing agencies to enforce the regulations; using the guidelines below:

The Requirements for the type and placement of the extinguisher are as follows:

1. At least one portable fire extinguisher shall be installed in all one and two family dwellings (except seasonal rental units) upon change of occupancy;
2. The extinguisher shall be listed, labeled, charged and operable;
3. The size shall be no smaller than 2A:10B, C rated for residential use and weigh no more than 10 lbs.
4. The hangers or brackets supplied by the manufacture must be used
5. The extinguisher must be located within 10 feet of the kitchen
6. The top of the extinguisher must not be more than 5 feet above the floor
7. The extinguisher must be visible and in a readily accessible location, free from being blocked by future, storage or other items
8. The extinguisher must be near a room exit or travel path that provides an escape route to the exterior
9. The extinguisher must be accompanied by an owner's manual or written information regarding the operation, inspection and maintenance of the extinguisher and
10. Lastly, the extinguisher must be installed with the operating instructions clearly visible.

New Fire Extinguishers are not required to be serviced and tagged, as long as the seller or agent can provide proof of purchase or receipt.

Until the proposed regulations have been adopted, the statute should be cited for enforcement purposes. The correct citation is N.J.S.A. 52:27D-198.1

If you have any questions regarding the implementation of this act or its specific requirements, please contact our Local Assistance Unit at 609-633-6112