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Rules for Smoke Detector, Carbon Monoxide and Fire Extinguisher Certification

1. Smoke detectors must be located on each floor, including the basement and finished attics. Smoke detectors must be located within 21 feet of all bedrooms and inside each bedroom if the dwelling was built after 1991. Smoke detectors shall not be located in the stairway and shall be under 10 years old.
2. Smoke detectors must be installed with a ten-year sealed battery in accordance with ANS/UL 217 unless the smoke detectors are hard wired.
3. Hard wired smoke detectors must have a battery operated back up system.
4. Smoke detectors must be mounted on the ceiling at least 4 inches from the wall or on the wall with the top of the detector not less than 4 inches or more than 12 inches below the ceilings highest point. They must also be 4 inches from any corner, and a minimum of 3 feet from any air registers.
5. All smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms must be in working order.
6. If the residence was built with electric interconnected smoke alarms, they must remain that way, they cannot be replaced with battery.
7. Carbon Monoxide alarms must be mounted and located in the immediate vicinity of all bedrooms and shall be under 5 years old. Combination Smoke Alarm/Carbon Monoxide Alarms shall be under 10 years old.
8. Any bedroom with an oil or gas appliance located inside a closet must also have a Carbon Monoxide Alarm.
9. Portable fire extinguisher is defined to mean "an operable portable device, carried and operated by hand, containing an extinguisher agent that can be expelled under pressure for the purpose of suppressing or extinguishing fire" and which is: (1) rated for residential use consisting of a 2A:10BC type; and (2) mounted within 10 feet of the kitchen area and must be visible from the kitchen. Not in a pantry or a laundry room, not expired or empty.
10. Fire extinguisher should be no higher than 5 feet from the floor and no bigger than 10 lbs.

If you have any further questions, please contact us at the above listed number.

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