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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 10 feet of all bedrooms or inside each bedroom if the dwelling was built after 1991. Smoke detectors shall not be located in the stairway.
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. 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.
4. All smoke detectors must be in working order.
5. If the residence was built with electric interconnected smoke alarms, they must remain that way, they cannot be replaced with battery.
6. Carbon Monoxide alarms must be mounted and located within 10 feet of all bedrooms or located inside each bedroom.
7. 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.
8. Fire extinguisher should be no higher than 5 feet from the floor.

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

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