

**C-O-MM FIRE DEPARTMENT  
SMOKE ALARM/CARBON MONOXIDE COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST**

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**YEAR BUILT:** \_\_\_\_\_

If constructed prior to **August 27, 1997**, has there been any renovation that included the addition of a bedroom after **August 27, 1997**? Yes  No

*(If yes, proceed to residence permitted after August 27, 1997)*

Has a garage addition been added to the residence since **January 1, 2008**?

*(If yes, see heat detector requirements for January 1, 2008)*

Yes  No

**RESIDENCES CONSTRUCTED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1975**

**Smoke Alarms are required as follows:**

**Existing Smoke Alarms Installed Prior to Dec. 2016**

On every level of the residence including basements & cellars.

On the ceiling, at the base, of each stairway.

On the ceiling outside of each separate sleeping area.

Smoke alarms may be battery operated, hardwired or combination of the two.

If the smoke alarm is located within 20' of a kitchen or bathroom (containing a tub or shower) it must be photoelectric.

If the smoke alarm is outside of 20' to a kitchen or bathroom (containing a tub or shower), you must utilize either a dual alarm (containing both technologies: ionization and photoelectric) or two separate alarms (one photoelectric and one ionization).

**Smoke Alarms Installed After Dec. 2016**

On every level of the residence including basements and cellars.

On the ceiling, at the base, of each stairway.

On the ceiling outside of each separate sleeping area.

Smoke alarms may be either battery operated, hardwired or combination of the two.

Battery powered alarms must have **10 year, non-rechargeable, non-replaceable batteries.**

Must contain a hush feature to silence nuisance alarms.

Must be photoelectric. Can be in combination with ionization or carbon monoxide.

**House Numbers:** Must be posted on the house; must be visible from the street, if not or is greater than 100' from the street, then the number must also be posted at the street and visible from both directions; numbers must be a minimum of 3" and no larger than 12"; high contrast (black on white not brass on white) and not in script.

**Carbon Monoxide Alarms are required as follows:**

- On every level of the residence, including habitable portions of basements and attics\*, and they must be located within 10 feet of each bedroom door. ( )
- Combination alarms (photoelectric smoke and carbon monoxide alarm) with voice may be used anywhere. ( )
- May be either: battery powered, plug-in with battery backup, hardwired with battery backup or system type. ( )
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement. ( )

*\*Habitable portions of basements and attics: If there is a finished portion in the basement or attic, then the alarm must be in that portion. If the basement is unfinished but has habitable areas such as: a work bench, exercise equipment, pool table, sitting area etc., then a carbon monoxide alarm is required.*

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**RESIDENCES PERMITTED FOR CONSTRUCTION**  
**BETWEEN**  
**JANUARY 1, 1975 AND AUGUST 26, 1997**

Smoke Alarms are required as follows:

- One smoke alarm on every level of the residence including basements and cellars. ( )
- One smoke alarm on the ceiling outside of each separate sleeping area. ( )
- One smoke alarm on the ceiling at the base of each stairway. *Please note:* a smoke alarm on the ceiling outside a separate sleeping area can fulfill this requirement. ( )
- Minimum of one smoke alarm must be installed for every 1,200 sq. feet area per level. ( )
- Must be hardwired interconnected smoke alarm. ( )

**Note:** Any smoke alarm more than ten years old shall be replaced with a new smoke alarm. Although ionization alarms are allowed anywhere within the residence, during this time period, it is recommended that the new alarms comply with the 20 foot rule. If utilizing a combination smoke/CO alarm that is hardwired, they must comply with the CO requirements below. This requirement does not apply to low voltage alarm system smoke detectors.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms are required as follows:

- On every level of the residence, including habitable portions of basements and attics\* and must be located within 10 feet of each bedroom. ( )
- Combination alarms (photoelectric smoke and carbon monoxide alarm) with voice may be used anywhere. ( )
- Combination alarms (ionization smoke and carbon monoxide alarm) with voice may be used, if the alarm is outside of 20 feet to a kitchen or bathroom (containing a bathtub or shower). ( )
- May be either: battery powered, plug-in with battery backup, hardwired with battery backup or system type. ( )
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement. ( )

*\*Habitable portions of basements and attics: If there is a finished portion in the basement or attic, then the alarm must be in that portion. If the basement is unfinished but has habitable areas such as: a work bench, exercise equipment, pool table, sitting area etc., then a carbon monoxide alarm is required.*

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**RESIDENCES PERMITTED FOR CONSTRUCTION**  
**BETWEEN**  
**AUGUST 27, 1997 AND DECEMBER 31, 2007**

**Smoke Alarms** are required as follows:

- One smoke alarm on every level of the residence including basements and cellars. ( )
- One smoke alarm outside each separate sleeping area. ( )
- One smoke alarm in each bedroom. ( )
- A minimum of one smoke alarm for every 1,200 sq. feet area per level. ( )
- Must be hardwired and interconnected smoke alarms with battery backup. ( )
- If smoke alarm is within 20 feet of a kitchen or bathroom (containing a bathtub or shower), the smoke alarm is required to be photoelectric only. ( )
- Smoke alarms shall be a minimum of 36" away horizontally from HVAC supply vent, ceiling fan blade tip, or bathroom door with a shower or tub. ( )

**Note: Any smoke alarm more than ten years old shall be replaced with a new smoke alarm. All smoke alarms must be the same brand. Also if utilizing a combination smoke/CO alarm that is hardwired, they must comply with the CO requirements below. This requirement does not apply to low voltage alarm system smoke detectors.**

**Carbon Monoxide Alarms** are required as follows:

- On every level of the residence, including habitable portions of basements and attics\*, and must be located within 10 feet of each bedroom. ( )
- Combination alarms (photoelectric smoke and carbon monoxide alarm) with voice, may be used anywhere. ( )
- Combination alarms (ionization smoke and carbon monoxide alarm) with voice may be used if the alarm is outside of 20 feet to a kitchen or bathroom (containing a bathtub or shower). ( )
- May be either: battery powered, plug-in with battery backup, hardwired with battery backup, or system type. ( )
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement. ( )

*\*Habitable portions of basements and attics: If there is a finished portion in the basement or attic, then the alarm must be in that portion. If the basement is unfinished but has habitable areas such as: a work bench, exercise equipment, pool table, sitting area etc., then a carbon monoxide alarm is required.*

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**RESIDENCES PERMITTED FOR CONSTRUCTION  
FROM**

**JANUARY 1, 2008 TO AUGUST 3, 2011**

**Smoke alarms are required as follows:**

- One smoke alarm on every level of the residence including basements and cellars. ( )
- One smoke alarm at the base of each stairway. ( )
- One smoke alarm outside of each separate sleeping area. ( )
- One smoke alarm inside every bedroom. ( )
- A minimum of one smoke alarm must be installed for every 1,200 sq. feet area per level ( )
- Must be hardwired and interconnected smoke alarms with battery backup. ( )
- If the smoke alarm is within 20 feet of a kitchen or bathroom (containing a bathtub or shower), the smoke alarm is required to be a photoelectric only & located a min. of 36" from bathroom doors.( )
- If the smoke alarm is greater than 20 feet from a kitchen or a bathroom (containing a bathtub or shower), the smoke alarm is required to be either a photoelectric alarm or a dual alarm (containing both ionization and photoelectric technologies). ( )
- Smoke alarm shall be a minimum of 36" horizontally from HVAC supply vent, ceiling fan blade tip, or bathroom door with a shower or tub. ( )

**Note: Any smoke alarm more than ten years old shall be replaced with a new smoke alarm. All interconnected smoke alarms must be the same brand. Also if utilizing a combination smoke/CO alarm that is hardwired, they must comply with the CO requirement below. This requirement does not apply to low voltage alarm system smoke detectors.**

**Carbon Monoxide Alarms are required as follows:**

- On every level of the residence and located within 10 feet of each bedroom door. ( )
- Combination alarms (photoelectric smoke and carbon monoxide alarm) with voice may be used. ( )
- Must be hardwired and interconnected with battery backup (may be separately wired from the existing smoke alarm system). ( )
- If there is a finished portion in the basement or attic, then the alarm must be in that portion. ( )

**Heat Detectors are required as follows:**

- In any attached garage or integral garage (garage under) a heat detector listed for the ambient temperature shall be installed. ( )
- New addition garages, to an existing dwelling, a heat detector shall be installed and interconnected to any existing compatible smoke detection system. If there is no compatible smoke detection system present, an additional heat detector with sounding device or a separate sounding device shall be installed in the dwelling within 20 feet of the door from the garage to the dwelling. ( )

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**RESIDENCES PERMITTED FOR CONSTRUCTION  
FROM  
AUGUST 4, 2011 TO THE PRESENT**

**Smoke alarms** are required as follows:

- One smoke alarm on every level of the residence including basements and cellars. ( )
- One smoke alarm at the base of each stairway. ( )
- One smoke alarm outside of each separate sleeping area. ( )
- One smoke alarm inside every bedroom. ( )
- A minimum of one smoke alarm must be installed for every 1,200 sq. feet area per level. ( )
- Must be hardwired and interconnected smoke detectors with battery backup. ( )
- All smoke alarms are required to be photoelectric and must be the same brand. ( )
- Smoke alarm shall be a minimum of 36" horizontally from HVAC supply vent, ceiling Fan blade tip, or bathroom door with a shower or tub. ( )

**Note: Any smoke alarm more than ten years old shall be replaced with a new smoke alarm. Also if utilizing a combination smoke/CO alarm that is hardwired, they must comply with the CO requirements below. This requirement does not apply to low voltage alarm system smoke detectors.**

**Carbon Monoxide Alarms** are required as follows:

- On every level of the residence and located within 10 feet of each bedroom door. ( )
- Combination alarms (photoelectric smoke and carbon monoxide alarm) with voice may be used. ( )
- Must be hardwired and interconnected with battery backup (may be separately wired from the existing smoke detection system). ( )
- If there is a finished portion in the basement or attic, then the alarm must be in that portion. ( )

**Heat Detectors** are required as follows:

- In any attached garage or integral garage (garage under) a heat detector listed for the ambient temperature shall be installed. ( )
- New addition garages, to an existing dwelling, a heat detector shall be installed and interconnected to any existing compatible smoke detection system. If there is no compatible smoke detection system present, an additional heat detector with sounding device or a separate sounding device shall be installed in the dwelling within 20 feet of the door from the garage to the dwelling. ( )

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**CLOSING DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

Centerville                      Osterville                      Marstons Mills

**CONTACT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AGENCY NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBERS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell**

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**Office or other**

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**Email**

*Any questions regarding the number or placement of smoke alarms or carbon monoxide alarms, should be directed to a Fire Prevention Officer for clarification. This document is to be used as a guideline and is not all-inclusive of all regulations relative to residential smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. A re-inspection fee will be assessed, if any of the items on the foregoing compliance checklist have not been complied with.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

1/1/18 updated

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