

SMOKE DETECTOR AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR PLACEMENT GUIDE

SMOKE DETECTORS

Check the date on the smoke detectors in your home. The NFPA (National Fire Protection Agency) recommends replacing your smoke detectors every 10 years. All smoke detectors shall conform to the latest UL Standards. UL numbers are listed on the device and packaging.

Location: The State Building Code tells us that, smoke detectors shall 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. Install per manufacturers installation recommendations.

CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

Carbon monoxide detectors may be a combination type with a smoke detector, or an outlet powered carbon monoxide detector. All carbon monoxide detectors 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 January 1, 2007 in 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 detector meeting UL specifications.

Exceptions:

Exceptions for Multifamily Dwellings with no in unit carbon monoxide producing equipment, (gas furnace, water heater, etc.): Buildings with **CENTRALIZED CARBON MONOXIDE PRODUCING EQUIPMENT** may only be required to have approved Carbon Monoxide Detectors installed between 15' and 25' of all carbon monoxide producing equipment. These detectors must be monitored by an approved alarm system. The Anoka/Champlin Fire Department monitors all multifamily properties that fall into this category.

Informational Websites:

www.fire.state.mn.us and www.doli.state.mn.us