

# SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR PLACEMENT GUIDE

## Where to locate detectors:

Detectors are to be located on every level of a residence and outside each bedroom. If all the bedrooms are located down the same hallway the detector may be located in the common hallway but must be within 10 feet from all bedroom doors. If the residence has two separate sleeping areas, a detector is required to be located outside each sleeping area. A carbon monoxide detector should also be installed outside of each sleeping area. Carbon Monoxide detectors must be less than 7 years old and operational.

**Note:** If the property was built and a Certificate of Occupancy was issued with hard wired smoke detectors, the residence must maintain that same level of fire alarm protection. You may not replace hardwired detectors with battery detectors. If the detector is older than 10 years of age it shall be replaced. Please refer to information on the back for any other placement questions or contact your local fire marshal. **In addition, effective January 1, 2019 all battery operated smoke detectors must be the 10 year sealed battery type.**

## Where NOT to locate detectors:

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

Kitchen-smoke from cooking may cause a nuisance alarm.

Bathrooms-excessive steam from a shower may cause a nuisance alarm.

Around HVAC ducts-detectors shall not be located within 3 feet as air movement may prevent smoke from reaching the detector.

Near furnaces of any type-air/dust movement and normal combustion products may cause a nuisance alarm.

The "dead air" space where the ceiling meets the wall (4" from corner).

The Peak of an "A" frame type ceiling. "Dead Air" may prevent smoke from reaching the detector.

## Where the Fire Extinguisher should be installed:

The bracket supplied by the manufacturer must be used to hang the extinguisher no more than 5 feet above the floor and within 10ft of the kitchen area leading to a travel way providing an escape to the exterior of the dwelling. Access to the extinguisher must not be hindered or blocked by furniture, storage equipment or other items. It must be visible and installed so the maintenance and instructions are clearly visible. Extinguisher may not be placed in a cabinet. The extinguisher must be new or inspected by a licensed entity within the last calendar year. **Type of extinguisher: We require a 2A:10BC.**

**Additional information may be found on our Fire District Website at [GTFD2.org](http://GTFD2.org) under the Fire Prevention Section**

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**Smoke Detector, Carbon Monoxide Detector & Fire Extinguisher Certification Application**

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Tenant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tenant Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Realty Agent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Block: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupied ( ) Vacant ( ) Lock Box Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Settlement/Rental Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact for appointment: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

**Inspection Checklist**

- House numbers are numerical characters, contrasting color from the house, at least 4" high, permanently affixed to the house and visible from the street. *Light post or mailbox numbers are NOT acceptable.*

**Smoke Alarms**

- Battery Operated smoke detectors shall be of the **ten (10) year sealed battery type.**
- Smoke alarm located on every level of the dwelling
- Basement level alarm is located at bottom of stairwell, at ceiling level (not between joists)
- Bedroom hallway alarms MUST be within 10 feet of ALL bedroom doors
- Electric smoke alarms (hardwired) CANNOT be replaced with battery operated alarms
- Do NOT install smoke alarms in kitchens, bathrooms, near forced air ducts or furnaces or in the "dead air" space where the ceiling meets the wall, close to ceiling fans, in crawl spaces or attics.

**Carbon Monoxide Alarms**

- Can be combination detector- smoke/CO
- Located in the hallway, within 10 feet of ALL bedroom doors
- Installed per manufacturer's instructions
- Carbon monoxide alarms are less than 7 years old
- Do NOT place alarms in electrical outlets that can be turned off by a switch or that are located against floor molding. Plug-in battery powered and hardwired CO alarms are acceptable.

**Fire Extinguisher**

- ABC type, rated for residential use **2A-10:BC only extinguisher acceptable**
- Must be new or inspected within one year of inspection date
- MOUNTED within 10 feet of the kitchen-not in a cabinet

**Fees      \*\*\* Based on Business Days\*\*\***

Applications received 10 or more **business** days prior to settlement    \$35.00  
Applications received 4-9 **business** days prior to settlement        \$70.00  
Applications received less than 4 **business** days prior to settlement   \$125.00  
**\*Applications received under 4 days will be completed as manpower permits.**

**Official Use Only**

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ or Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt # \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

Scheduled: \_\_\_\_\_ at: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include exact cash or check made payable to GTFD#2**

ESP # \_\_\_\_\_