

# METUCHEN FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Bureau of Fire Prevention

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George Wallace, Fire Official

### Application and Certification In Lieu of Inspection for Certificate of Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide Alarm and Fire Extinguisher Compliance

Dwelling Location: Not Applicant's Mailing Address

Dwelling Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Number and Name of Street

Municipality: Metuchen State: New Jersey County: Middlesex

- \* ALL BOXES MUST BE CHECKED IN ORDER FOR CERTIFICATE TO BE VALID
- Smoke detector and carbon monoxide alarms has been installed on each level of the dwelling, including basements, excluding unfinished attic or crawl space; and
- Smoke detector and carbon monoxide alarm has been installed outside each separate sleeping area; and within ten (10) feet of bedrooms
- Portable fire extinguisher, as per attached instructions
- All smoke detectors are in working order       Carbon monoxide alarms are in working order

This is a \_\_\_\_ story dwelling;       with a basement       without a basement

An inspection shall be conducted by the owner or an authorized representative of the owner. The smoke detectors required above shall be located in accordance with NFPA 74; the carbon monoxide alarm(s) installed per NFPA-720. The detectors are not required to be interconnected. Battery powered detectors and alarm are acceptable. Note: AC powered and / or interconnected alarms and smoke detectors installed in homes constructed after January 1977 shall be maintained in working order. See directions on the back of this application for further information regarding installation. Portable fire extinguishers required above shall be in accordance with P.L. 2005, c.71 (N.J.S.A 52:27D-198.1 et seq).

Please mail certificate to: \_\_\_\_\_ Realtor

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone#: \_\_\_\_\_

I do hereby certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statement made by me are willfully false, I will be subject to penalty.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Closing

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Applicant

Check made payable to "**Borough of Metuchen**" must accompany this form.

\$ 45.00 if request received more than 10 business days prior to change of occupant – does not include date received or change date.

\$ 90.00 if request received 4 to 10 business days prior to change of occupant – does not include date received or change date.

\$161.00 if request received fewer than 4 business days prior to change of occupant – does not include date received or change date.

Application fee non-refundable

Certificates valid for six (6) months.

Log Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: CERTIFICATES CAN TAKE UP TO 2 WEEKS TO BE PROCESSED**

**Application and Certification In Lieu of Inspection for Certificate of Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide Alarm and Fire Extinguisher Compliance**

Compliance is the sole responsibility of the property seller, property owner (landlord change of tenant) or their designee to ensure that all smoke detector(s) and carbon monoxide detector(s) are present and in proper working order and indicated as such on this affidavit in accordance with the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code. The required fire extinguisher minimum requirements are 2A:10B:C and weigh no more than ten (10) pounds.

HOUSE SALE -  LANDLORD CHANGE OF TENANT -

**BUYER, SELLER, REALTOR OR LANDLORD INFORMATION SHALL BE COMPLETE AND RELIABLE**

**Property Seller Info:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Landlord Information) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone#: \_\_\_\_\_

**Property Seller Realtor:** \_\_\_\_\_ Does Not Apply

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone#: \_\_\_\_\_

**Property Buyer Info:** \_\_\_\_\_ Does Not Apply

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone#: \_\_\_\_\_

**Property Buyer Realtor:** \_\_\_\_\_ Does Not Apply

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone#: \_\_\_\_\_

**Tenant Information:** \_\_\_\_\_ Does Not Apply

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone#: \_\_\_\_\_

## **WHERE TO LOCATE DETECTORS:**

Detectors are to be located on every level of a residence, (basement, first floor, second floor) excluding crawl spaces and unfinished attics, and in every separate sleeping area, between sleeping areas and living areas such as the kitchen, garage, basement or utility room. In homes with only one sleeping area on one floor, a detector is to be placed in the hallway outside each sleeping areas as shown in Figure 1. In single floor homes with two separate sleeping areas, two detectors are required, outside each sleeping areas as shown in Figure 2. In multi-level homes, detectors are to be located outside sleeping areas and at every finished level of the home as shown in Figure 3. Basement level detectors are to be located in close proximity to the bottom of basement stairwells as shown in Figure 4.

## **WHERE NOT TO LOCATE DETECTORS:**

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

Kitchens; smoke from cooking may cause nuisance alarm.

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

Near forced air ducts used for heating or air conditioning; air movement may prevent smoke from reaching detector.

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

The 4-inch "Dead Air" space where the ceiling meets the wall, as shown in Figure 5.

The peak of an "A" frame type of ceiling-"Dead Air" at the top may prevent smoke from reaching detector.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION ON DETECTOR PLACEMENT:**

For further information about detector placement, consult the National Protection Association's Standard No. 74-1984, titled "Household Fire Warning Equipment."

This publication may be obtained by writing to the Publication Sales Department, National Fire Protection Association, Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA. 02269.

**CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS** are to be located near every separate sleeping area per NFPA 720 and manufacturer's recommendations. Carbon Monoxide alarms are to be located on every level of dwelling.

## **WHERE TO LOCATE FIRE EXTINGUISHER:**

At least one (1) portable fire extinguisher shall be installed in all one and two-family (except seasonal rental units) upon change of occupancy. For purposes of this section, "portable fire extinguisher" means an operable portable device, carried and operated by hand, containing an extinguishing agent that can be expelled under pressure for the purpose of suppressing or extinguishing fire, and which is: within 10 feet of the kitchen and located in the exit or travel path; and is visible and in a readily accessible location. Minimum size of 2A:10B:C and weigh no more than 10 pounds, is accompanied with the owner's manual or with the proper written instructions. The extinguisher is listed, labeled, charged and operable. The extinguisher must have been serviced and tagged by a contractor certified by the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety within the past twelve (12) months or seller must provide a recent proof of purchasing receipt.

# Smoke Detector & Carbon Monoxide Installation Diagram

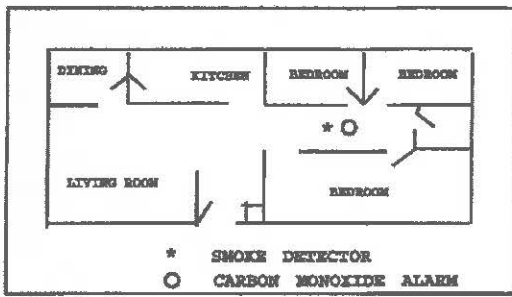


Figure 1

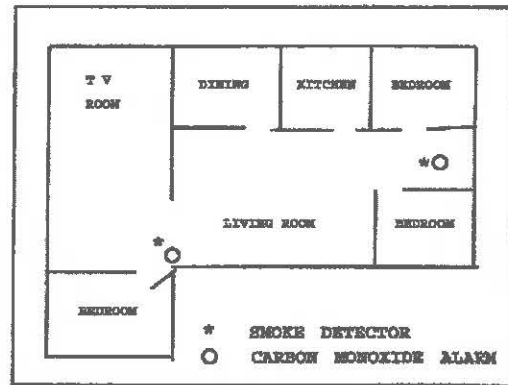


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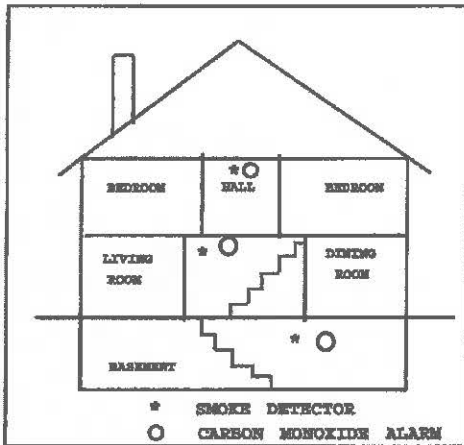


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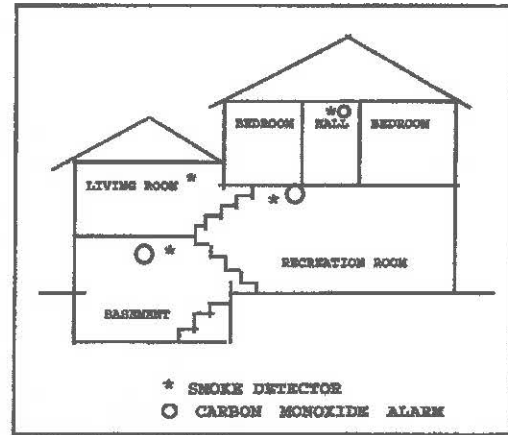


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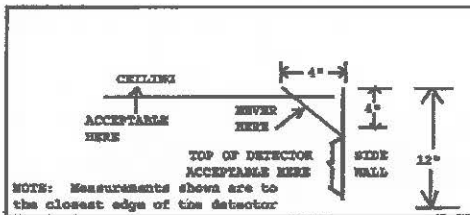


Figure 5

Note: The two most important locations for Carbon Monoxide Detectors are one; near the bedrooms and two; near the furnace and water heater.