



BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL  
FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU  
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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF SMOKE DETECTOR / CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM COMPLIANCE

### INSPECTION FEES AND APPOINTMENTS

**The fee for a CSDCMAPFEC inspection is \$50.00**

- Check or money order made out to "Rocky Hill Borough"

**Rush Inspection - Less than 72 hour notice**

- Fee - \$150.00
- Check or money order made out to "Rocky Hill Borough"

### Scheduling an Inspection

- Email - [Fireofficial53@gmail.com](mailto:Fireofficial53@gmail.com)
- Cell - 908-910-7137

### SMOKE DETECTOR REQUIREMENTS

TEST AND CLEAN YOUR SMOKE DETECTORS - BEFORE INSPECTION DATE  
CHECK TABLE BELOW TO ENSURE YOUR SMOKE DETECTORS MEET MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

**There are different types of smoke detectors -**

1. Battery operated smoke detectors
2. Electric smoke detectors
3. Electric smoke detectors with interconnection
4. Electric smoke detectors with interconnection and battery back-up.

**The type of smoke detectors required** for a CSDCMAPFEC will depend on the type of smoke detectors that were required at the time of original construction. Replacing electric smoke detectors with battery-operated smoke detectors is not permitted. Defective interconnected smoke detectors must be replaced with compatible detectors or in the alternative; all interconnected detectors must be replaced to meet the requirements of CSDCMAPFEC

**A smoke detector is required on every building level.**

Exception: Split levels where you may omit a half-level, but not two adjacent half -levels, and not if there is an intervening door between the levels. The lowest level and all levels with bedrooms must have smoke alarms.

**A smoke detector is required within 10 feet of every bedroom door.** If a level has more than one sleeping area, smoke detectors are required in each sleeping area.

**The smoke detector installed on the basement level and all levels without a sleeping area must be located in close proximity to the stairway leading to the floor above.**

**Smoke detectors must be properly mounted and secured to the ceiling or wall.** Smoke detector base must be flush with the ceiling/wall.

**All smoke alarms must be UL listed or equivalent and must have a test button.**

**Common area hallways and stairways in two-family houses must have smoke detectors at each landing.**

**Smoke detectors are NOT permitted:**

- Within 5 feet of a kitchen (cooking vapors).  
Exception: photoelectric type smoke detectors may be within 5 feet of kitchen.
- Within 3 feet of an attic fan or the tips of the ceiling fan blades.
- Within 3 feet of the door leading to a bathroom containing a tub or shower (steam).  
Exception: photoelectric type smoke detectors may be within 3 feet of bathroom.
- Within 3 feet of an air vent (supply or air flow).
- Within 1 foot of a light fixture.
- Within the "dead air space" where the wall meets the ceiling (ceiling detectors must be at least 4" from wall, wall mounted detectors must be at least 4" and no more than 12" from ceiling).
- Smoke detectors are not permitted to be painted.

The Fire Marshal will not test fire alarm systems. Many of these systems do not meet the CSDCMAPFEC requirements.

## **CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) ALARM REQUIREMENTS**

**A Carbon Monoxide Alarm is required on the sleeping level(s) of all 1 & 2 family dwellings.** The alarm must be in the hallway within 10 feet of every bedroom door. If a level has more than one sleeping area, carbon monoxide alarms are required in each sleeping area.

**Carbon Monoxide Alarms may be battery or electric.**

**If a combination smoke detector/carbon monoxide alarm is installed, the placement of the detector must meet the requirements for a smoke detector.**

## **PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER REQUIREMENTS**

**A portable fire extinguisher is required either in the kitchen or within 10-feet of the kitchen area.**

**If a home has more than one kitchen or cooking area, additional fire extinguishers are required.**

**The fire extinguisher must be:**

- A minimum of 2 ½ - pounds and a maximum of 10 – pounds.
  
- Rated as a ABC-type fire extinguisher. (The 1-A:10-B:C type is recommended)
  
- Listed, labeled, charged and operable.
  
- The fire extinguisher must have a valid service tag indicating the extinguisher has been serviced within the past year.  
Exception: A new extinguisher (purchased within 6-months) with the original receipt taped to the extinguisher.
  
- Mounted on hangers or in brackets supplied by manufacturer. Mounted so the top of the extinguisher is no more than 5-feet off the ground; and the bottom is at least 6-inches off the ground if mounted on wall. The extinguisher can be mounted under the kitchen sink, in a pantry or cabinet in the kitchen.
  
- In a readily-accessible spot, free from blocking by furniture, storage, equipment and other items.
  
- The extinguisher must be mounted near a room exit or travel way that provides an escape route to the exterior.
  
- The extinguisher must be accompanied by an owner’s manual or written information regarding the operation, inspection and maintenance of the extinguisher.
  
- The extinguisher must be installed so the operating instructions shall be clearly visible