



City of Bakersfield
Community Development
Building Division
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INFORMATION BULLETIN

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Requirements

Ref No

IB1001

ATTENTION:

On January 1, 2014, The City of Bakersfield began enforcing the 2013 California Residential Code as required by the State of California, Section R314 (Smoke Alarms) and Section R315 (Carbon Monoxide Alarms) states when a permit is required for **alterations, repairs or additions** smoke alarms must be installed or **changed out if older than 10 years.** Section R315.2.3.1 and R315.2.3.2 (Carbon Monoxide Alarms) must be installed in all dwelling units intended for human occupancy and that have fuel burning appliances and/or an attached garage. Installations of these alarms are as follows:

SMOKE ALARM LOCATION

- 1) ***In each sleeping room (Bedrooms).*** Alarms must be installed a minimum 3' horizontal distance from a supply register, 3' horizontal distance from the tip of the blade of a ceiling fan and within 12" of the highest point of a vaulted ceiling.
- 2) ***Outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms. (Hallways leading to bedrooms)*** Alarms must be installed a minimum 3' horizontal distance from a supply register, minimum 3' horizontal distance from a bathroom opening.
- 3) On each additional story of the dwelling, including basements and habitable attics but not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics. (Close proximity to the stairway, each story)
- 4) In dwelling units where there are vaulted ceilings, install smoke alarms within 12" of the highest point of the ceiling.
- 5) Do not install smoke alarms within 20' horizontal distance from a cooking appliance.
- 6) Read and follow manufactures instructions.
- 7) *Smoke alarms are permitted to be solely battery operated in existing areas of buildings undergoing alterations or repairs that do not result in the removal of interior walls or ceiling finishes exposing the structure.*

CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

- 1) Existing dwellings that have attached garages or fuel burning appliances shall be provided with a carbon monoxide alarms and shall be installed in the following locations:
- 2) Outside each separate dwelling unit sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedroom(s). (Hallways leading to bedrooms)
- 3) On every level of a dwelling unit including basements. (Every Story)
- 4) In existing dwelling units a carbon monoxide alarm is permitted to be solely battery operated where repairs or alterations do not result in the removal of wall and ceiling finishes.
- 5) Carbon Monoxide Alarms and Smoke Alarms can be combination.



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CERTIFICATION
Installation of Smoke and Carbon
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A permit for an alteration, repair or addition has been issued at the residential address below. All alarms have been installed or replaced per section R314 (Smoke Alarms) and R315 (Carbon Monoxide Alarms) of the California Residential Code.

Address: _____

Building Permit #: _____

Completed this _____ day of _____ 20_____ in the City of Bakersfield.

Contractor's Signature _____

Date _____

Contractor's License Number _____

Owner's Signature _____

Date _____