

# Township of Branchburg

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OFFICE OF THE FIRE OFFICIAL

## APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE SMOKE ALARM/CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM COMPLIANCE

Date of closing: \_\_\_\_\_ Block: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot: \_\_\_\_\_

Address to be inspected: \_\_\_\_\_

Year home built: \_\_\_\_\_

Current owner's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current owner's address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: Cell/Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Realtor's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Realtor's Contact: Cell/Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Purchaser's name: \_\_\_\_\_

This structure is used as a:  One (1) family  Two (2) family  Townhouse/Condo

This property will be:  Sold  Leased to a new tenant:

I am hereby making application for a CERTIFICATE SMOKE ALARM/CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM COMPLIANCE for the above mentioned property. I further hereby certify that the information contained herein is correct. I understand that any false statements will result in the revocation of the certificate and may result in the issuance of penalties up to \$500 per NJAC 5:70-2.12, plus \$500 per NJAC 5:70:12A.

Type your name:: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The application fee for a Certificate of Smoke Alarm, and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Compliance (CSACMC) as required by N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.3, shall be based upon the time remaining before the change of occupant is expected, as follows:

Fees and penalties: Request for a CSCAMAC received **more than 10** business days prior to the change of occupant - **\$50.00**  
Request for a CSCAMAC received **four to 10** business days prior to the change of occupant - **\$90.00**  
Request for a CSCAMAC received **fewer than four** business days prior to the change of occupant - **\$161.00**

**\*\*There is a reinspection fee of \$50.00 for each inspection made after two (2) initial inspections. \*\***

### For Office Use Only

Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid/Collected: \_\_\_\_\_

Interconnected all floors:  Yes  No  Owner occupied  Owner leased

Floors interconnect:  Basement  1<sup>st</sup>  2<sup>nd</sup>  3<sup>rd</sup>  4<sup>th</sup> Qty stories: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of alarms each floor: Basement \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

CO Detector: \_\_\_\_\_

Portable Fire Extinguisher: \_\_\_\_\_

General Notes: \_\_\_\_\_



## **SMOKE ALARM REQUIREMENTS:**

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

There are different types of single and multiple-station smoke alarms

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

The type of smoke alarm required for a CSACMAPFEC will depend on the type of smoke alarm that was required at the time of original construction. See list below

### **HOUSES BUILT/RENOVATED:**

Prior to January 1977

January 1977 - September 1978

October 1978 - January 1983

February 1983 - July 1984

August 1984 - February 1991

March 1991 – Present

### **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR CSACMAPFEC**

**Ten-year** sealed battery-powered smoke alarm on all levels.

Electric smoke alarms on sleeping levels.

**Ten-year** sealed battery-powered smoke alarm on all other levels.

Electric smoke alarm on sleeping levels and basement level.

**Ten-year** sealed battery-powered smoke alarm on all other levels.

Electric smoke alarm on all levels.

Electric smoke alarm on all levels & all alarms must be interconnected equipped with battery back-up.

Electric smoke alarm on all levels & inside each bedroom.

All alarms must be interconnected & equipped with battery back-up.

Unless otherwise recommended by the manufacturer's published instructions, single and multiple station smoke alarms installed in one and two family dwellings shall be replaced when they fail to respond to operability test but shall not remain in service longer than ten years from the date of manufacture. NFPA 72; 2013 edition

Combination smoke/carbon monoxide alarms shall be replaced when the end-of-life signal activates or ten years from the date of manufacture, whichever comes first. (SIG-HOU)

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.

Smoke alarms are NOT permitted:

Within 5 feet of a kitchen (cooking vapors).

**Exception:** photoelectric type smoke alarms 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 alarms 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.

Smoke detectors are not permitted to be painted.

**Branchburg Township Fire Prevention will not test fire alarm systems. Many of these systems do not meet the CSACMAPFEC requirements.**

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## **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 located in close proximity to 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 with battery backup.

Carbon monoxide alarms shall be replaced when either the end-of-life signal is activated or the manufacturer's replacement date is reached. Alarms shall also be replaced when they fail to respond to operability tests. NFPA 720 2015 edition.

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 EXTINGUISHERS REQUIREMENTS**

The extinguisher shall be within ten feet of the kitchen and located in the path of egress. If a residence has more than one kitchen or cooking area, an additional fire extinguisher is required;

The extinguisher shall be readily accessible and not obstructed from view;

The extinguisher shall be mounted using the manufacturer's hanging bracket so the operating instructions are clearly visible;

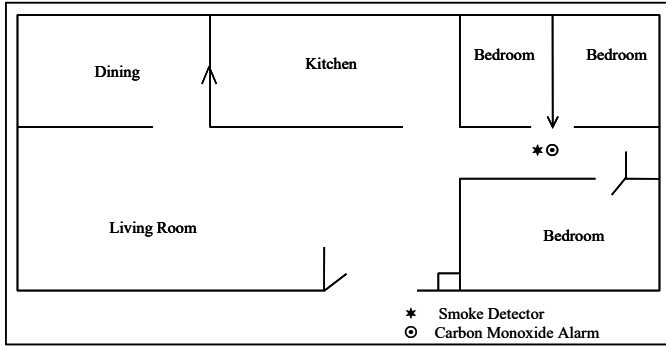
The extinguisher shall be an approved listed and labeled type with a minimum rating of 2A:10B:C and no more than 10 pounds;

The owner's manual or written operation instructions shall be provided during the inspection and left for the new occupant;

The extinguisher shall be serviced and tagged by a certified Division of Fire Safety contractor within the past 12 months or the seller must have a receipt for a recently purchased extinguisher with the manufacturer's provided tag attached to the extinguisher;

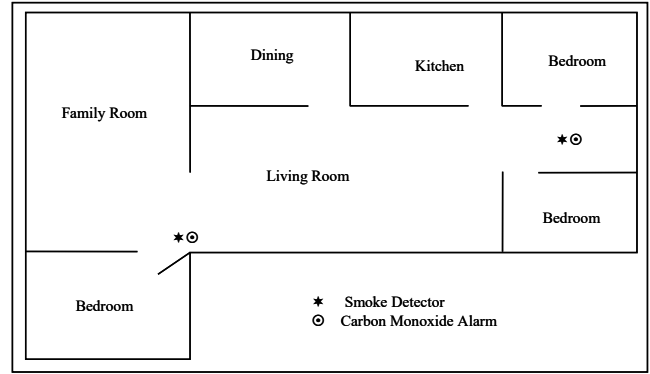
The top of the extinguisher shall not be more than five feet above the floor.

**Exception:** Portable fire extinguisher shall not be required for seasonal summer units. For purposes of applying this exception, "seasonal summer unit" shall mean a dwelling unit rented for a term of not more than 125 consecutive days for residential purposes by a person having a permanent residence elsewhere, but shall not include use or rent of living quarters by migrant, temporary, or seasonal workers in the connection with any work or place where work is being performed,



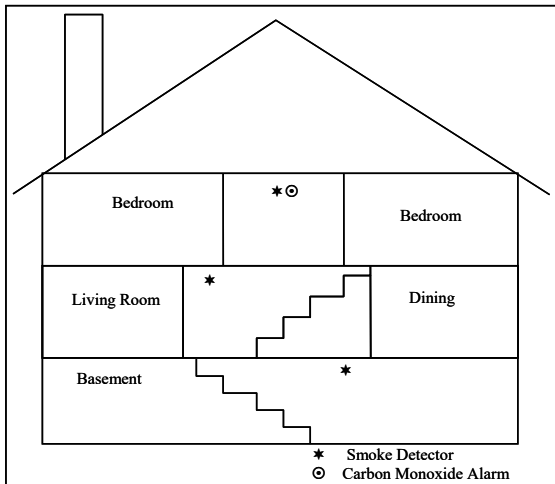
Example of smoke detector/carbon monoxide alarm placement with one sleeping area  
(From NFPA 74 NFPA 720)

**Figure 1**



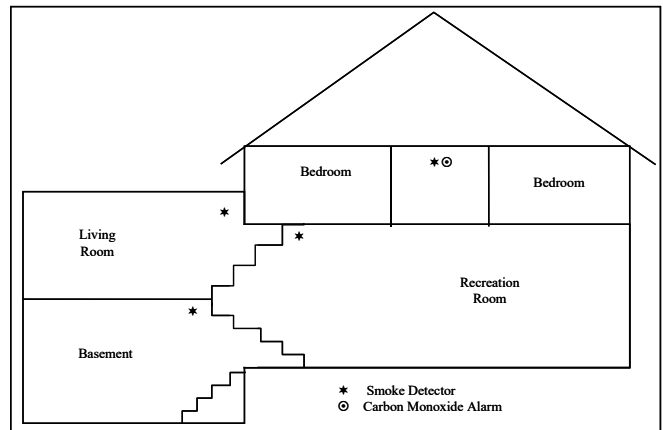
Example of smoke detector/carbon monoxide alarm placement with more than one sleeping area  
(From NFPA 74 NFPA 720)

**Figure 2**



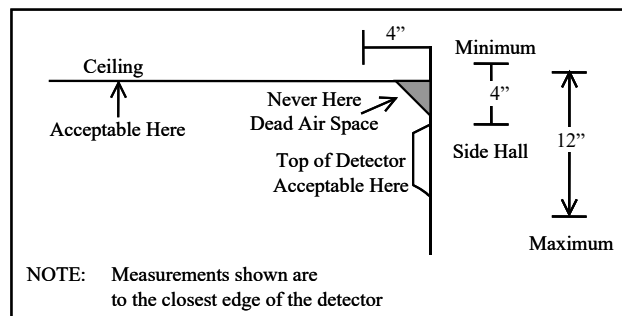
Example of proper mounting of smoke detector/carbon monoxide alarms in standard dwelling  
(From NFPA 74 NFPA 720)

**Figure 3**



Example of proper mounting of smoke detector/carbon monoxide alarms in multi-level dwelling  
(From NFPA 74 NFPA 720)

**Figure 4**



Example of proper mounting for smoke detector  
(From NFPA 74 NFPA 720)

**Figure 5**