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Commonwealth of Massachusetts Smoke/CO Alarm Requirements Typical one- and two-family residences permitted on or after February 4, 2011

Smoke alarms are required as follows:

- One smoke alarm on every habitable level of the residence.
- One smoke alarm at the base of each stairway.
- One smoke alarm outside of each separate sleeping area.
- One smoke alarm inside every sleeping area.
- A minimum of one smoke alarm must be installed for every 1,200 square feet of living space per level.
- Must be hardwired and interconnected with battery backup.
- All smoke alarms must be photoelectric.

Carbon monoxide alarms are required as follows:

- On every level of the residence, including basements and habitable portions of attics, and must be located within 10 feet of each bedroom door.
- Combination alarms (photoelectric smoke and carbon monoxide alarm) may be used.
- Must be hardwired and interconnected with battery backup. (May be separately wired from the existing smoke detection system.)

Heat alarms are required as follows:

- Must have a single heat alarm in any garage attached to or under the residence.
- Must be hardwired and interconnected with or without battery backup to the existing smoke detection system.
- Heat alarms are not required in garages of older homes unless renovation, addition or modification occurs after Jan. 1, 2008.