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### **Commonwealth of Massachusetts Smoke/CO Alarm Requirements Typical one- and two-family residences permitted between 1975 and August 27, 1997**

#### **Smoke alarms are required as follows:**

- One smoke alarm on every habitable level of the residence.
- One smoke alarm on the ceiling at the base of each stairway.
- One smoke alarm on the ceiling outside of each separate 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 interconnected smoke alarms.

#### **Carbon monoxide alarms are required as follows:**

- On every level of the residence, including habitable portions of basements and attics and must be located within 10 feet of each bedroom door.
- Combination alarms (photoelectric smoke and carbon monoxide alarm) may be used anywhere.
  - Combination alarms (ionization smoke and carbon monoxide alarm) may be used if the alarm is more than 20 feet from a kitchen or bathroom (containing a bathtub or shower).
- Combination alarms must have both a tone and simulated voice alarm to distinguish the type of emergency.
- May be either: battery powered, plug-in with battery backup, hardwired with battery backup, or system type.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement.