

New Homes

Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms for new homes need to be hard-wired interconnected; with battery back-up these are required in each bedroom just outside each bedroom and on each floor level. This includes basements but not crawl spaces or uninhabitable attics.

For more information see RR 313 of the 2010 New York State Residential Code.

Carbon Monoxide alarms for new homes must be located on each floor with sleeping rooms and each floor with carbon monoxide source; this includes fuel burning appliances and attached garages. Carbon monoxide alarms must be located within 15 feet of each sleeping space. Carbon monoxide alarms must be hard wired interconnected and have battery back-up. No carbon monoxide alarms are required in homes with no carbon monoxide source.

For more information see RR 313 of the New York State Residential Code.

This is a summary **only** of requirements, for detailed requirements go to the above mentioned code sections

Existing Homes

Smoke Alarms in existing one and two family homes where no construction or alterations are taking place.

The same provisions for new construction apply to smoke alarms except hard wiring and interconnection are not required.

For more information see PM 704 of New York 2010 Property Maintenance Code.

Carbon Monoxide alarms in existing one and two family homes, multiple single family dwelling (townhouses) and condominiums constructed prior to January 1, 2008.

On the lowest story containing a sleeping area within 15 feet of each sleeping area and on every story that contains a carbon monoxide source. (Note these alarms may be battery operated or plug in and do not require interconnection.)

For more information see New York State F 610 of the 2010 New York State Fire Code.