

INFORMATION FOR PROPER PLACEMENT OF **SMOKE DETECTORS** IF SELLING OR REFINANCING YOUR HOME

No certificate will be issued for any dwelling which does not have **HOUSE NUMBERS** at least 3 *inches* tall (and in a contrasting color) mounted:

on the house, if the house is visible from the street, or
on the house, and on both sides of the mailbox, if the house is not visible from the street.

ALL DETECTORS SHOULD BE CEILING MOUNTED!

In typical one- and two-family residences permitted before 1975

There shall be **battery powered or hardwired** (or a combination of the two) SMOKE DETECTORS

- on each habitable level of the residence
- at the bottom of each stairway
- outside of each separate sleeping area
- **photoelectric** type detector if the smoke detector is located *within 20 feet* of a kitchen or a bathroom (containing a bathtub or shower)
- dual detector (ionization and photoelectric technologies) or two separate detectors if the smoke detector is located *outside of 20 feet* of a kitchen or a bathroom (containing a bathtub or shower) [low voltage systems exempt]

In typical one- and two-family residences permitted between 1975 and August 27, 1997

There shall be **hardwired interconnected** SMOKE DETECTORS

- on each habitable level of the residence
- minimum of one detector for every 1,200 square feet of living space per level
- at the bottom of each stairway
- outside of each separate sleeping area

In typical one- and two-family residences permitted after August 27, 1997

There shall be **hardwired interconnected** SMOKE DETECTORS *with battery back-up*

- on each habitable level of the residence
- minimum of one detector for every 1,200 square feet of living space per level
- at the bottom of each stairway
- outside of each separate sleeping area
- within each bedroom
- **photoelectric** type detector if the smoke detector is located *within 20 feet* of a kitchen or a bathroom (containing a bathtub or shower)

There shall be **hard wired interconnected** HEAT DETECTORS

- in any garage attached to or under the residence if built, renovated or modified after January 1, 2008.

IF YOUR HOME DOES NOT PASS INSPECTION,
YOU WILL HAVE TO SCHEDULE A RE-INSPECTION,
AND PAY A RE-INSPECTION FEE

As of March 31, 2006, no certificate of compliance can be issued unless
CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS are also installed in accordance with 527 CMR 31.00

Homes built before 2008: Battery powered, plug-in with battery backup, or hardwired with battery backup.
Homes built after January 1, 2008: Must be hardwired and interconnected with battery backup.

See separate regulations concerning CO detectors.

This information sheet is provided as a convenience to the public. The Holliston Fire Department uses its best efforts to update this document, however for full text of the official code please consult 527 CMR (Board of Fire Prevention Regulations) and 780 CMR (Massachusetts State Building Code).