



Instructions for Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide Detector Compliance

Please read the following items carefully.

- Any change of ownership or occupancy may not occur prior to a successful inspection and possession of a Certificate of Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide Compliance. Furthermore, if there is any change of ownership or occupancy without the required inspection, the property owner shall be subject to a penalty of not less than \$100.00 or more than \$2,500.00 per occurrence (N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.3).
- A Fire Inspector from Moorestown Fire Prevention will inspect the dwelling during the scheduled time slot that was confirmed to by email. If the assigned time slot is missed by the applicant or the applicant's agent, you must reapply online to schedule a new inspection date. A confirmation email will be sent to you with the fee amount due at inspection. The fee must be paid to the Fire Inspector at the inspection.
- If the property does not pass the inspection, you must reapply online to schedule a new inspection date. A confirmation email will be sent to you with the fee amount due at the inspection. The fee must be paid to the Fire Inspector at the inspection.
- All smoke detectors within the dwelling must be installed and maintained in accordance with NFPA 72. All AC powered smoke detectors must be electronically interconnected. Each level of the dwelling unit is required to have either an AC (electric) or DC (battery powered) smoke detector installed. All smoke detectors shall be within 10 years of the manufacture date. The table below provides you with the requirements of the Construction Code regarding the number and type of smoke detectors that are required based on the year the dwelling was built or CO (Certificate of Occupancy) was issued.
 1. **Pre 1975** - 10-year sealed DC powered smoke detector on each level, within 10ft of each bedroom, including the basement if applicable.
 2. **1975 – 1977** - AC powered smoke detector on uppermost level (DC smoke detector on all other levels 10 Year sealed)
 3. **1977 – 1983** - AC powered smoke detector on uppermost and basement level / 10 Year sealed smoke detectors on all other levels
 4. **1983 – 1991** - AC powered smoke detectors on every level
 5. **1991 - Present** - AC powered smoke detector with battery backup on each level and in each sleeping area (bedroom)
- If the dwelling is equipped with a low voltage fire alarm system, installed by an alarm company, the fire alarm system must be tested and approved by a NJ licensed fire alarm contractor prior to the inspection. A copy of the alarm certification provided by the alarm contractor must be presented to the fire inspector at the time of inspection or can be uploaded or emailed along with your application.

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- The Fire Inspector will need access to the electrical panel and the circuit for the smoke detectors, if applicable, shall be located and labeled for testing purposes prior to their arrival. The homeowner or agent will be responsible for turning the circuit off and on. The electrical panel circuits shall be properly labeled.
- If the dwelling has any secondary power sources, there must be a label installed within 18 inches of the main electrical panel and electrical meter warning of the danger. A secondary power source may include permanently installed internal combustion generators, solar panels, battery storage systems or any other supplemental source of electrical energy to the primary power supply. The label must be marked with wording similar to “CAUTION: MULTIPLE SOURCES OF POWER” and may not be handwritten.
- If the dwelling has at least one fuel burning appliance, fireplace or garage, a CO (Carbon Monoxide) detector shall be installed outside of, but within the vicinity (within 10 feet) of all sleeping areas. CO detectors in bedrooms only will not pass per NFPA 720. All Carbon Monoxide detectors shall be within 7 years of the manufacture date.
- The Fire Inspector will also check the visibility and readability of the house numbers on the dwelling to verify they are visible and readable from the street in the event of an emergency. The house numbers must be permanently affixed to the house in Arabic numbers, approximately 3 inches high and 1 inch wide. The house numbers may need to be larger than 3-inch x 1-inch in order to be visible from the street. All numerals must be placed on a dark or contrasting background. The numbers shall not be hidden by trees, shrubs or decorative trim and may not be affixed to any door.
- All applicable requirements above listed are to be completed BEFORE the Fire Inspector arrives, as they cannot install or repair items. The person meeting the inspector must be 18 years of age, or older.

Coordination with the Construction Official, Fire Sub-code Official, and other Officials. N.J.A.C. 5:71-3.5

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:71-3.5 (c): Whenever an inspector observes a violation of some law, ordinance or code of the jurisdiction that is not within the inspector’s authority to enforce, the inspector shall report the findings to the official having jurisdiction in order that such official may institute the necessary corrective measures.

Department of Community Development: Construction Office

The Uniform Construction Code, or NJAC 5:23-2.18(d) requires that a final inspection be performed for all work that has been completed and before the issuance of a certificate. Upon application of this Certificate of Smoke Detector Carbon Monoxide Compliance, the Moorestown Construction Office will be notified of the address to be inspected to ensure that there are no outstanding violations and/or open construction permits. You will receive notification at the contact information provided on this application.

If you have knowledge now of any open permits or violations that exist on this property or become aware through notification, you will need to schedule these inspections through the Township Construction Office at 856-235-0912.

Failure to pay the inspector upon arrival will result in an immediate failure of the inspection.

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Smoke Detectors:

Smoke detectors are to be located on every level of a dwelling. In homes with only one sleeping area or one floor, a detector shall be installed in the hallway outside the bedrooms. In one story dwellings with separate sleeping areas, a smoke detector is required outside each sleeping area. In multi-level dwellings, smoked detectors shall be located outside the sleeping areas and at every level of the dwelling. A smoke detector is required to be installed at the bottom of basement stairwells and top of walk-up attic stairwells, if applicable.

