

# Guttenberg Fire Prevention

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## SMOKE DETECTOR AND CARBON MONOXIDE & FIRE EXTINGUISHER GUIDELINES

To All Applicants:

The State of New Jersey requires (code N.J.A.C.5:70-2.3)(a) that before any Use Group R-3 or R-4 structure is sold, leased or otherwise made subject to change of occupancy for residential purposes, the owner shall obtain a certificate of smoke-detector and carbon-monoxide alarm compliance, CSDCMAC, evidencing compliance with N.J.A.C. 5:70-4.19 from the appropriate enforcing agency.

N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.3(a)3. The owner or authorized agent of the owner, shall apply for a CSDCMAC on a form provided by the enforcing agency with the appropriate fee, as set forth in N.J.A.C.5:70-2.9(d).

1. Requests received more than 10 business days prior to the change of occupant: **\$35.00**
2. Requests received four (4) to ten (10) business days prior to the change of occupant: **\$70.00**
3. Requests received fewer than four (4) business days prior to the change of occupant: **\$125.00**

The fire extinguisher statute is N.J.S.A.52:27D-198.1 requiring that all one-and two-family dwellings at a change of occupancy be provided with a portable fire extinguisher in addition to the requirements for smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. This provision does **not** apply to season rental units. This act was signed into law on April 14, 2005, with an effective date of November 1, 2005.

Guttenberg Fire Prevention must receive applications before 12:00 noon to be considered a business day. After 12:00 noon, the next business day will apply.

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## Where to Locate Smoke Detectors:

Detectors are to be located on every level of a residence (basement, first floor, second floor), excluding crawl spaces and unfinished attics and in every separate sleeping area, between sleeping areas and living areas such as the kitchen, garage, basement or utility room. In homes with only one sleeping area on one floor, a detector is to be placed in the hallway outside the bedrooms. In single-floor homes with two separate sleeping areas, two detectors are required, one outside of each sleeping area. In multi-level homes detectors are to be located outside sleeping areas and at every finished level of the home. Basement levels detectors are to be located in close proximity to the bottom of the basement stairwells.

## Where Not to Locate Detectors:

To avoid false alarms and / or improper operation, avoid installation of smoke detectors in the following areas:

1. **KITCHENS:** Smoke from cooking may cause a nuisance alarm
2. **BATHROOMS:** Excessive steam from a shower may cause a nuisance alarm
3. **NEAR FORCED-AIR DUCTS USED FOR HEATING OR AIR CONDITIONING:** air movement may prevent smoke from reaching the detector
4. **NEAR FURNACES OF ANY TYPE:** air and dust movement and normal combustion products may cause a nuisance alarm
5. **THE FOUR-INCH "DEAD AIR" SPACE WHERE THE CEILING MEETS THE WALL**
6. **THE PEAK OF AN "A" FRAME TYPE OF CEILING:** "Dead Air" at the top of the ceiling may prevent smoke from reaching the detector
7. **AWAY FROM CEILING FANS:** fans may prevent smoke from reaching the detector

## Further Information on Detector Placement:

For further information about smoke detector placement, please consult the National Protection Association's Standard No. 74-1984 titled, "Household Fire Warning Equipment." For carbon monoxide alarms, their publication is "Recommended Practice #720." These publications may be obtained by writing to the Publication Sales Department, National Fire Protection Association, Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269.

Carbon monoxide alarms are to be located in every separate sleeping area as per NFPA 720 and manufacturer's recommendations.