



HINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE PREVENTION

**210 Central Street
Hingham, MA 02043**

Lieutenant Christopher DiNapoli
Fire Marshal

NEW SMOKE DETECTOR REGULATIONS AS OF 12/1/2016 ALSO GENERAL 26F INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Effective Dec. 1, 2016 the requirement for smoke detectors in one and two family homes has changed. This rule applies to homes built prior to January 1, 1975. That has not had a major renovation or addition. Going forward the rule is as follows:

One smoke at the base of any stairway

One smoke within 21 feet of any sleeping area

Carbon Monoxide Detector within 10 feet of any sleeping area doorway and on any floor that includes habitable space.

ALL SMOKE DETECTORS MUST BE PHOTOELECTRIC WITH A SEALED 10 YEAR BATTERY THAT IS NON REPLACEABLE AND NON RECHARGEABLE!!! AND MUST HAVE A SILENCE OR HUSH FUNCTION ON THEM!!!

This is the only acceptable detector for the mandatory detectors. Should they choose to have additional detectors that is at their own discretion and can be whatever they choose to have.

If a residence has greater than 1200 sq/ft of living space on a single level a second detector is required.

The regulations for hardwired are not changing. Hardwire photoelectric detectors throughout are perfectly acceptable and ionization is not required.

This rule **DOES NOT APPLY TO MOBILE HOMES**

Combo detectors require either a voice mode or distinctive tones to identify the hazard

For hardwired systems prior to August 2008 battery or plug in CO detectors are acceptable after that they are required to be hardwired.

If you are in doubt or have a question please reach out to me.

**24 HOURS ADVANCED NOTICE REQUIRED FOR AN INSPECTION
781-804-2497
CERTIFICATE IS VALID FOR 60 DAYS AND COST \$50**

Lieutenant Chris DiNapoli
Town of Hingham, Fire Marshal