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## **SMOKE ALARMS & CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS**

### **Smoke Detector & Carbon Monoxide Alarm Requirements**

An individual dwelling unit shall be equipped with smoke alarms when any alteration or repair work (including installation or replacement of windows or doors), additions requiring a permit or if one or more sleeping rooms are added or created in an existing dwelling, the entire building must be provided with smoke detectors located as required for new buildings. *Exceptions:*

- Exterior work, such as roofing, siding, addition of an open porch, deck or chimney repair.
- Install alteration or repairs of plumbing, electrical or mechanical systems.

*Minnesota Residential Code R314.3.1*

### **Smoke Alarms:**

- One smoke detector shall be located on each floor, including the basement (not including crawl spaces or uninhabitable attics).
- A smoke detector shall be installed in each sleeping room.
- A smoke detector shall be located in the corridor giving access to each sleeping room.

*Minnesota Residential Code R314.3*

### **Carbon Monoxide Alarms:**

- A CO Alarm shall be within ten (10) feet of each room lawfully used for sleeping purposes.

*Minnesota Residential Code R315.1.1*

*The intent of this smoke detector & carbon monoxide handout is to make the property owner aware that it is their responsibility to add smoke and carbon monoxide detectors where necessary to comply with the state building code listed above.*