



City of La Puente

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Division of Building and Safety

SMOKE DETECTORS REQUIRED

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this handout is to explain the requirements for smoke detectors. Every new dwelling shall be provided with smoke detectors. The detector shall be mounted on the ceiling or wall at a point centrally located in the corridor or area giving access to rooms used for sleeping purposes, and in every sleeping room. The detectors shall receive their primary power from the building wiring and be interconnected so when a detector is activated it shall cause all the detectors to sound their alarms simultaneously.

Interior or exterior alterations, repairs, or additions requiring a permit and having a valuation in excess of \$1,000, or when one or more sleeping rooms are added or created, the entire dwelling shall be provided with detectors located as required for a new dwelling. The detectors may be battery operated when installed in existing buildings, and are not required to be interconnected.

Exempt items include:

1. Dishwasher replacement
2. Water heater replacement
3. Fences
4. Re-roofing
5. Work valuation less than \$1,000.00

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Smoke detectors are required in each hallway leading to sleeping rooms, in each sleeping room of new and existing construction, at the top of stairways, on each story, and in the basement.

Existing conditions may use battery operated detectors. In new construction, detectors shall be hard wired with battery backup. Hardwired detectors shall be interconnected to sound an audible alarm simultaneously.

The City of La Puente defines a sleeping room as: Any room used or that could be used as a sleeping room, excluding bath, kitchen, dining, media, bonus and family rooms.

The applicable code is the 2007 California Building Code, section 907.2.10.2

INSPECTIONS

Smoke detectors will be inspected at the final inspection of the project that triggered the Smoke Detector requirements.