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Existing Dwelling Requirements for Certificate of Compliance-Smoke Detector & Carbon Monoxide Alarms (26F, 26F½)

- Please test *all* your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms to ensure they operate **BEFORE** the inspection. If your detectors do not have test buttons then you are responsible for providing the means for testing the detector (i.e. magnet, test card, etc.) Your permit/certificate will be issued on site, pending approval of the fire inspector.
- **Smoke detectors** shall be installed in the following manner; an approved smoke detector shall be installed on the ceiling of each stairway leading to the floor above, near the base of, but not within each stairway and an approved smoke detector shall be installed on the ceiling outside each separate sleeping area.
- **Carbon Monoxide Alarms** shall be located in each level of each dwelling unit including habitable portions of basements, cellars and attics. They shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Carbon Monoxide alarms installed on the level of the sleeping area shall be installed in the hallway outside of the sleeping area not to exceed 10 feet in any direction from any bedroom door. **** Combination Alarms must have a simulated voice and alarm. If there is not a power outlet in the hallway, within 10 feet of all the bedroom doors, then purchase a battery powered Carbon Monoxide Alarm for protection of these areas in order to obtain a Certificate of Compliance.**
- **A Number Must Be On The House/Building At The Time Of Inspection.** Your permit/certificate cannot be issued unless the number is present, as required by M.G.L. Chapter 148, Section 59.

General Law, Chapter 148, Sections 26F, 26F½ and 527 CMR 31