

SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR PLACEMENT GUIDE

Where to locate detectors:

Detectors are to be located on every level of a residence and outside each bedroom. If all the bedrooms are located down the same hallway the detector may be located in the common hallway but must be within 10 feet from all bedroom doors. If the residence has two separate sleeping areas, a detector is required to be located outside each sleeping area. A carbon monoxide detector should also be installed outside of each sleeping area. Carbon Monoxide detectors must be less than 7 years old and operational.

Note: If the property was built and a Certificate of Occupancy was issued with hard wired smoke detectors, the residence must maintain that same level of fire alarm protection. You may not replace hardwired detectors with battery detectors. If the detector is older than 10 years of age it shall be replaced. Please refer to information on the back for any other placement questions or contact your local fire marshal. **In addition, effective January 1, 2019 all battery operated smoke detectors must be the 10 year sealed battery type.**

Where NOT to locate detectors:

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

Kitchen-smoke from cooking may cause a nuisance alarm.

Bathrooms-excessive steam from a shower may cause a nuisance alarm.

Around HVAC ducts-detectors shall not be located within 3 feet as air movement may prevent smoke from reaching the detector.

Near furnaces of any type-air/dust movement and normal combustion products may cause a nuisance alarm.

The "dead air" space where the ceiling meets the wall (4" from corner).

The Peak of an "A" frame type ceiling. "Dead Air" may prevent smoke from reaching the detector.

Where the Fire Extinguisher should be installed:

The bracket supplied by the manufacturer must be used to hang the extinguisher no more than 5 feet above the floor and within 10ft of the kitchen area leading to a travel way providing an escape to the exterior of the dwelling. Access to the extinguisher must not be hindered or blocked by furniture, storage equipment or other items. It must be visible and installed so the maintenance and instructions are clearly visible. Extinguisher may not be placed in a cabinet. The extinguisher must be new or inspected by a licensed entity within the last calendar year. **Type of extinguisher: We require a 2A:10BC.**

Additional information may be found on our Fire District Website at GTFD2.org under the Fire Prevention Section