



Dennis Fire Department

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Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide Inspection Checklist

One and two family homes built 1975 to August 27, 1997

Is the house number visible from the street?

1975 – August 27, 1997 Construction Smoke Detector Requirements: 780 CMR State building code		
Required to be hardwired and interconnected	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Battery only smoke detectors are not acceptable
On every habitable level and basement	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Basements are habitable, crawl spaces exempt
Outside each sleeping area (in hallway)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Smoke detectors over 10 years old must be replaced (NFPA 72)
One detector on ceiling at base of every stairway, not in stairway	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
A minimum of one detector for each 1200 square feet of floor area	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Heat detector in garage not required	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	

1975 – August 27, 1997 Construction Carbon Monoxide Detector Requirements: Fossil fuel appliance(s) or attached enclosed garage		
CO detectors required on every habitable level of each dwelling unit including portions of basements and attics. (not crawl spaces)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	CO detectors expire. Usual life span is 7 years. Check date on rear of device
Located in vicinity sleeping area no further than 10 feet from bedroom door	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Detector must be battery powered or plug in with battery backup; additional types allowed by regulation	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Combination smoke and CO detector permitted if both voice and tone alarm	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Please call the Fire Department administration offices at 508-398-0363 to set up an appointment for the inspection. A Fee of \$ 25.00 will be assessed for the inspection regardless of the outcome, pass or fail. Follow up inspections will also be \$ 25.00.

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