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### **NEW JERSEY RESIDENTIAL SMOKE ALARM REQUIREMENTS**



# BATTERY OPERATED SMOKE ALARMS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A TEN-YEAR SEALED BATTERY

- HARD-WIRED (AC-POWERED) SMOKE ALARMS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE 10-YEAR BATTERY BACK-UP POWER



DO NOT REPLACE HARD-WIRED SMOKE ALARMS WITH BATTERY ONLY SMOKE ALARMS. SEE NOTE BELOW.



# ALL SMOKE ALARMS SHALL NOT BE MORE THAN TEN YEARS OLD

-Check the manufactured date on the back (if there is no date, it is way too old)



## EXISTING HARD-WIRED SMOKE ALARMS AND INTER-CONNECTED SMOKE ALARMS MUST BE MAINTAINED

-THEY CANNOT BE REPLACED WITH BATTERY-ONLY SMOKE ALARMS

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## **MINIMUM REQUIREMENT FOR SMOKE ALARMS**

10-YEAR SEALED BATTERY-POWERED SMOKE ALARMS SHALL BE INSTALLED:

- 1. ON EACH LEVEL OF THE PREMISIS
- 2. WITHIN 10 FEET OF EACH SLEEPING AREA

ALL DETECTORS MUST BE LOCATED AS PER MANUFACTURER'S SECIFICATIONS

THIS MINIMUM REQUIREMENT IS TYPICALLY ONLY FOR HOMES BUILT BEFORE 1977\*.

\*THE CODE AT THE TIME OF CONSTRUCTION OR REHABILITATION DETERMINES TYPE OF SMOKE ALARMS REQUIRED, AS WELL AS PLACEMENT. HARD-WIRED, INTERCONNECTED SMOKE ALARMS, SHALL NOT BE REPLACED WITH BATTERY-POWERED SMOKE ALARMS.

THIS GUIDANCE DOCUMENT IS TO ASSIST IN PREPARATION OF AN INSPECTION, REQUIRED IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A FIRE CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION, AS PART OF THE CONTINUED CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY PROCESS AT THE CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSE.

THE COMPLETE STATE REQUIREMENT FOR SMOKE ALARMS CAN BE FOUND IN THE NEW JERSEY UNIFORM FIRE CODE: N.J.A.C. 5:70-4.19.