

Maine Office of State Fire Marshal

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Regulations/Standards

The owner shall properly install, or cause to be properly installed, smoke detectors in accordance with the National Electric Code and the manufacturer's requirements. In single-family dwellings, at least one smoke detector, which may be photoelectric, ionization or a combination of both, must be installed in each area within, or giving access to, bedrooms. These smoke detectors may be powered by the electrical service in the dwelling, by battery or by a combination of both. Any smoke detector located within 20 feet of a kitchen or a bathroom containing a tub or shower must be a photoelectric-type smoke detector.

After October 31, 2009, smoke detectors installed in a multifamily building or a newly constructed single-family dwelling must be powered both by the electrical service in the building or dwelling and by battery. (NEW)2009

Installation

General guidelines for smoke alarm placement:

The owner shall install, or cause to be installed, not less than one approved smoke detector upon or near the ceiling in areas within, or giving access to, bedrooms in:

- Any single-family dwelling, the construction of which is completed after the effective date of this section; [1985, c. 190, (AMD).]
- Each apartment in any building of multifamily occupancy [1985, c. 190, (AMD).]
- Any addition to or restoration of an existing single-family dwelling which adds at least one bedroom to the dwelling unit and the construction of which is completed after the effective date of this paragraph; and [1985, c. 190, (NEW).]
- Any conversion of a building to a single-family dwelling after the effective date of this paragraph. [1985, c. 190, (NEW).]

For more information please visit: <http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/25/title25sec2464.html>

Guidelines for connecting the smoke alarm:

Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms that use ten-year batteries and hard-wired alarms, when they are ten years old or sooner if they do not respond properly when tested.

For more information please visit: <http://www.maine.gov/dps/fmo/documents/MARCO.pdf>

A person who, after October 31, 2009, acquires by sale or exchange a single-family dwelling or a multi-apartment building shall certify at the closing of the transaction that the dwelling or multi-apartment building is provided with smoke detectors in accordance with this section. This certification must be signed and dated by the purchaser.

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A person may not have a claim for relief against a property owner, a property purchaser, an authorized agent of a property owner or purchaser, a person in possession of real property or a smoke detector installer for any damages resulting from the proper operation, maintenance or effectiveness of a smoke detector.

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