

TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

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Certificate of Smoke Alarm, Carbon Monoxide Alarm, and Portable Fire Extinguisher Compliance Pre Check List

As required by N.J.A.C. 5:70 - 2.3

Smoke Alarm Requirements All smoke alarms shall not be older than 10 years from the date of manufacture
Built prior to 1977 One ten-year sealed battery-powered smoke alarm is required on each level including the basement
Built from January 1, 1977 – February 21, 1983 Electric smoke alarms system required on the sleeping level and in the basement. On levels without the electric smoke alarm system, a ten-year sealed battery-powered smoke alarm shall be installed.
Built from February 22, 1983 – April 30, 1993 Interconnected electric smoke alarms with battery backup should be located on every level of the dwelling including the basement.
Built from May 1, 1993 – Present Interconnected electric smoke alarms with battery backup should be located on every level of the dwelling including the basement, sleeping areas, and in every bedroom.
Notes: -If Smoke alarms are monitored by an alarm company a NFPA72 Report from the company is required -Smoke alarms in the basement must be located on the ceiling at the bottom of the basement stairs
Carbon Monoxide Alarm Requirements
A carbon monoxide alarm shall be located within 10 feet of every bedroom The carbon monoxide alarms shall not be older than the manufacturer's recommended replacement date
Portable Fire Extinguisher Requirements The extinguisher shall be new within the past 12 months with receipt (OR) The seller shall have the extinguisher serviced by a certified Division of Fire Safety extinguisher contractor
The extinguisher must be a minimum of <u>2A-10:BC</u> rated extinguisher and not larger than 10 pounds
The extinguisher must be mounted with the manufacturer's hanging bracket so the instructions are clearly visible
The extinguisher must be mounted within 10 feet of the kitchen and located in the exit path of the kitchen
The top of the extinguisher shall not be more than five feet above the floor and the bottom at least 4½ inches above the floor
The extinguisher shall be readily accessible and not obstructed from view – cannot be located behind closed doors or cabinets