

## Massachusetts - Residential Dwelling Units

## All Smoke Alarms Shall Be Ceiling Mounted

On the same level, if a required detector is located <u>more than 20'</u> from a kitchen or full bathroom doorway it shall be:	*Photoelectric with a sealed 10 yr non-rechargeable, non serviceable battery. *Working smoke alarms installed prior to 12/1/16 (that met requirements) can continue to be used until they are 10 years old	Photoelectric	Photoelectric	Photoelectric OR <u>Dual Detector*</u>	Photoelectric Only	Photoelectric Only
On the same level, if a required detector is located <u>within 20'</u> of a kitchen or full bathroom doorway it shall be:		Photoelectric	Photoelectric Only	Photoelectric Only	Photoelectric Only	Photoelectric Only

On every habitable level & including the basement level on the Ceiling : at the base of each stairway leading to an occupied floor above	Smoke	Smoke	Smoke	Smoke	Smoke	Smoke
On Ceiling outside each sleeping Area (in hallway)	Smoke	Smoke	Smoke	Smoke	Smoke	Smoke
Inside every Bedroom	Not Required	Not Required	Smoke	Smoke	Smoke	Smoke
Finished Attic (Habitable)	Smoke	Smoke	Smoke	Smoke	Smoke	Smoke
Garage (Attached)	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	Heat Detector	Heat Detector	Heat Detector

Battery or Plug-In w/battery backup	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed
Hardwired, interconnected w/battery backup	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Required	Required	Required

>>>>EFFECTIVE 1/1/2015 SMOKE ALARMS OLDER THAN 10 YRS MUST BE REPLACED WITH NEW ALARMS!!<<<<

One Smoke Alarm is needed for each 1,000 square feet of area, per floor. CO Alarms only have a 5, 7, or 10 year life span as per each manufacturer's recommendations

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**This Document is a guideline. Please call your local Fire Prevention Office if you still have questions.**