

TOWN OF IRONDEQUOIT

Office of the Fire Marshal



Smoke Alarms & Carbon Monoxide Alarms

According to the 2020 Fire Code of New York State for residential applications:

Smoke alarms shall be located:

- In each room used for sleeping purposes.
- Outside of the sleeping areas in the immediate vicinity of bedrooms.
- On each story or level of the residence (but not in un-heated attic, crawl space or garage).

Carbon monoxide (CO) alarms shall be located: (For buildings with fuel burning appliances or integral garages.)

- On each level of sleep.
- On each level of source.
- Within ten feet of all rooms used for sleeping.
- Greater than ten feet from a source.

Combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are acceptable.

Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms should be installed following the manufacturer's instructions.

If smoke alarms are older than ten years old, they shall be replaced. If carbon monoxide alarms are older than five years old, they shall be replaced, unless there is documentation stating that they have a longer life expectancy than that. All new smoke and CO alarms shall have a ten-year sealed battery.

Only listed smoke and carbon monoxide alarms shall be used.

Listed appliance. An appliance receives a listing from a third-party testing agency when it meets identified standards and has been tested and found suitable for its specific purpose. An official insignia, marking, or stamp of approval issued from said third-party testing agency will be displayed on the appliance and within the manufacture's installation instructions (UL - Underwriters Laboratory; FM - Factory Mutual; WHi - Warnock Hersey/Intertek, or other).