

# Informational Handout

## Smoke Alarms

(Enforcement Responsibility = Local Jurisdiction)

**International Residential Code (IRC) Section 313.2.1.** When alterations, repairs, or additions requiring a permit occurs in existing dwellings, **smoke alarms** shall be located as required for new construction. Permit examples are:

1. Window or door replacements/modifications
2. Addition
3. Sleeping room added
4. Interior remodel
5. Basement or bathroom finish

### Exceptions:

1. Interconnection and hardwiring of smoke alarms is not required in existing areas with finished ceilings and walls
2. Work on exterior surfaces of the dwelling such as roofing and siding
3. Permits for plumbing, electrical and mechanical alterations or repairs

## Carbon Monoxide Alarms

(Compliance Responsibility = Property Owner)

### Minnesota State Statute 299F.50 – Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms

All new and existing single family homes, multifamily and apartment dwellings shall have an approved **CO alarm** within 10 feet of each sleeping room. **CO alarms** must either be hardwired into the electrical wiring, directly plugged into a non-switched outlet or battery powered.

### Multifamily Dwelling Exceptions:

1. **CO alarms** may be within 15 to 25 feet of carbon monoxide producing fixtures when a centralized alarm system can be heard at all times.
2. Dwellings with minimal or no sources of **CO**, may be exempted if owner can certify to the commissioner of public safety there is no **CO** risk to units.

### Effective Dates:

1. January 1, 2007, newly constructed single family and multifamily dwellings
2. August 1, 2008, existing single family homes
3. August 1, 2009, existing multifamily and apartment dwelling units