

Certificate of Compliance

(MGL148, Section 26F)
General information

SMOKE DETECTORS

Chapter 148: Section 26F Residential buildings or structures; equipping with smoke detectors upon sale or transfer

Section 26F. All buildings or structures occupied in whole or in part for residential purposes and not regulated by sections twenty-six A, twenty-six B or twenty-six C shall, upon the sale or transfer of such building or structure, be equipped by the seller with approved smoke detectors as provided in section twenty-six E.

The head of the fire department shall enforce the provisions of this section. The provisions of section thirty shall not apply to this section.

Single Family Dwellings built prior to 1975 with no significant renovations or bedrooms added since 2/28/97, require One battery operated smoke detector on each habitable level of the house, and below each habitable level. A smoke detector is required in the immediate vicinity of the bedroom. Additions, alterations and adding bedrooms may require you to update your smoke detectors to the current building code standards. (780 CMR 3404 and 3606.16)

Single Family Dwellings built between 1975-1998 require a Hard-wired interconnected smoke detector system with power from AC power source.
“Battery operated” Smoke detectors are NOT APPROVED, unless monitored, and interconnected for the purposes of detection and activation. These detectors must be installed in the same locations as above. . Additions, alterations and adding bedrooms may require you to update your smoke detectors to the current building code standards. (780 CMR 3404 and 3606.16)

Single Family Dwellings built from 02/28/97-present

1. A hard-wired, interconnected smoke detector system, with secondary power supplied from monitored batteries is required. Detectors must be installed in accordance with the above and in all bedrooms.
2. In residential units of 1200 sqft or more, automatic fire detectors, in the form of smoke detectors shall be provided for each 1200 sqft of area or part thereof. (780 CMR 3603.16)
3. A permit from the fire department is required to install a fire protection system. (MGL 148, 10a) (527 CMR 1.04) (527 CMR10.01) (527 CMR10.03 .,15)
4. Any low voltage system shall be interconnected as a hard wire system. An Audible alert shall meet the requirements of NFPA 72 at device/ or in each room.
5. All “non-required” alarm notification appliances and non- required smoke or heat detectors shall cause the alarm in all required and non-required detectors in the dwelling unit to sound ((780 CMR 3603.16.8.1)

HOUSE NUMBERS

Minimum of 3 inches high be of contrasting color to surface that they are mounted on and should be mounted so they are clearly visible by emergency personnel from the street.

NO STICK ON HOUSE NUMBERS.