



CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH

BUILDING DIVISION

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Public Service Announcement SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

As of January 1, 2011, when work is done to a dwelling unit, which requires a building permit with a valuation exceeding \$1000, smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms must be installed in compliance with the 2010 California Residential Code (CRC).

Smoke Alarms: CRC 314.6.2a – Health and Safety Code 13113.7 a.1 Existing R-3 occupancies

Except as otherwise provided in this section, a smoke detector, approved and listed by the State fire Marshal pursuant to 13114, shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions in each dwelling intended for human occupancy within the earliest applicable time period as follows: For all dwelling units intended for human occupancy, upon the owner's application on or before January 1, 1985, for a permit for alterations, repairs or additions exceeding \$1,000.00.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms: CRC R315.2: Where Required In Existing Dwellings.

Where a permit is required for alterations, repairs or additions exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1000), Existing dwellings or sleeping units that have attached garages or fuel-burning appliances shall be provided with a carbon monoxide alarm in accordance with section R315.1. Carbon monoxide alarms shall only be required in the specific dwelling unit or sleeping unit for which the permit was obtained.

Smoke alarms shall be installed in the following locations:

1. In each sleeping room.
2. Outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms.
3. On each additional story of the dwelling, including basements and habitable attics but not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics. In dwellings or dwelling units with split levels and without an intervening door between adjacent levels, a smoke alarm installed on the upper level shall suffice for the adjacent lower level provided that the lower level is less than one full story below the upper level.

Carbon monoxide alarms required by sections R315.1 and R315.2 shall be installed in the following locations:

1. Outside of each separate dwelling unit sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedroom(s).
2. On every level of a dwelling unit including basements.

Health and Safety Code 13113.7b The owner of each dwelling unit subject to this section shall supply and install smoke detectors required by this section.....

The smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms must be installed before a final inspection will be approved. These alarms should be installed by whomever is doing the work requiring a permit, but ultimately the responsibility for their installation will be the property owner's.

For any questions please call 619-628-0882. For an inspection request please call 619-628-1360.