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SMOKE DETECTOR REQUIREMENTS

All Interior Remodeling Contractors including Window and Door Installers are required to follow these guidelines regarding smoke detectors.

The City of Burnsville is committed to the safety of our residents, and in order to ensure Burnsville homes are as safe as possible Contractors must comply with the following:

- When entry into the dwelling interior is required to make alterations, repairs or additions, or when one or more sleeping room is added; it is the responsibility of the Contractor to ensure smoke detectors are installed and located as required for a new dwelling. ***2007 Minnesota Rules R313.2.1***

- **It is the Contractor's responsibility to call for an inspection while they are still on the premises.**

Single and multiple-station smoke alarms shall be installed in the following locations:

1. In each sleeping room.

2. Outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms.

3. On each additional story of the dwelling, including basements and cellars, but not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics. In dwelling units with split levels and without an intervening door between the 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 story below the upper level.

When more than one smoke alarm is required to be installed within an individual dwelling unit the alarm devices shall be interconnected in such a manner that the actuation of one alarm will activate all of the alarms in the individual unit. The alarm shall be clearly audible in all bedrooms over background noise levels with all intervening doors closed.

All smoke alarms shall be listed and installed in accordance with the provisions of this code and household fire warning equipment provisions of NFPA 72.

Exceptions:

Interconnection and hardwiring of smoke alarms in existing areas shall not be required to be hardwired where the alterations or repairs do not result in the removal of interior wall or ceiling finishes exposing the structure. Work on the exterior surfaces of dwellings, such as the replacement of roofing or siding are exempt from the requirements of this section. Permits involving alterations or repairs to plumbing, electrical, and mechanical are exempt from the requirements of this section.

If you have any questions, please contact the Building Inspection Department at 952-895-4444 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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