



## Smoke Alarms

### *Do you know Fairfax County's Smoke Alarm rules?*

*(While requirements will differ based on the type and age of the building, this is basic information to consider)*

- ◆ Smoke Alarms may be required according to the following:
  - ◆ On the ceiling or wall outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of bedrooms.
  - ◆ In each room used for sleeping purposes.
  - ◆ In any building containing one or more dwelling units regardless of when the building was constructed.
  - ◆ On each story within a dwelling unit, including basements and cellars but not crawl spaces and uninhabited attics.
- ◆ Always refer to the manufacturer's installation instructions for the device.
- ◆ **Note: Smoke alarm batteries should be changed annually.**

**To report a possible violation OR for more information contact:**



Fairfax County Department of Code Compliance  
 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035  
 Phone: 703-324-1300, TTY 711  
 Web: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code>



To request this information in an alternate format, call the Department of Code Compliance, 703-324-1300, TTY 711.

This Fairfax County, VA Publication (published April 2023) summarizes a few regulations. See relevant codes for specific requirements.