



Smoke Alarms

Do you know Fairfax County's Smoke Alarm rules?

(While requirements will differ based on the type of 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 (1) or more dwelling units regardless of when the building was constructed.
 - ◆ In each story within a dwelling unit, including basements and cellars but not crawl spaces and uninhabited attics.
- ◆ Always refer to the manufacture's installation instructions for the device.
- ◆ **Note: Smoke alarm batteries should be changed annually.**

To report a possible violation OR for more information contact:



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To request this information in an alternate format, call the Department of Code Compliance.

This Fairfax County, VA Publication (published September 2014) summarizes a few regulations. See relevant codes for specific requirements.