



# SMOKE ALARM REQUIREMENTS

# BI-34

According to the California Residential Code Section R-314, smoke alarms shall be provided, without exception, in all residential occupancies with building permits of work over \$1,000.00.

All rental properties shall be provided smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in accordance with the requirements of health and safety code.

Smoke alarms shall be installed in the following locations per CRC R-314.3:

1. On the ceiling or wall outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of bedrooms.
2. In each room used for sleeping purposes.
3. In each story within a dwelling unit, including basements and habitable attics.
4. In dwellings 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 full story below the upper level.
5. All alarms shall be interconnected in such a manner that the actuation of one alarm will activate all of the alarms in the individual unit.

Read the installation instructions that come with your smoke alarm and install in the position the instructions provide. Make sure the alarms stay 3 feet away from fans and ventilation ducts.