

## Smoke alarms

- Smoke alarms are required in all dwellings and dwelling units. This applies to single family homes, two-family dwellings (duplexes), townhomes, apartments, hotels, lodging houses and similar occupancies.
- Smoke alarms shall be UL certified and installed in accordance with NFPA 72, per Minnesota Statutes 299F.362, 2020 MN Residential Code R314, or MN Building Code 907.2.
- Smoke alarms shall be located in each sleeping room, immediately outside each sleeping room and on each additional story, including basements and habitable attics.
- For new residential construction, smoke alarms must hardwired, have battery backup and be interconnected such that when one alarm is activated, all alarms in the individual unit are activated. Hard wiring of smoke alarms in existing areas is not required when alterations/repairs do not result in the removal of interior wall or ceiling finishes.

## Carbon monoxide alarms

- Carbon monoxide alarms are required in all residential buildings and dwelling units which have fuel-fired appliances or attached garages.
- CO alarms are to be located outside of but not more than 10 feet from each sleeping area and bedroom.
- CO alarms shall be installed on each level containing sleeping areas or bedrooms.
- CO alarms shall be UL certified and installed in accordance with NFPA 720, per Minnesota Statutes 299F.50, 299F.51, MN Residential Code R315, or MN Building Code 908.7.
- For new residential construction, CO alarms must hardwired, have battery backup and be interconnected such that when one alarm is activated, all alarms in the individual unit are activated. Hard wiring of CO alarms in existing areas is not required when alterations/repairs do not result in the removal of interior wall or ceiling finishes.

