

# SMOKE ALARM LAWS

Effective as of July 15, 2015



Battery operated smoke alarms (new installs or replacements) MUST be replaced with those that contain a sealed battery and rated to last at least 10 years. In addition to this they must also contain the following:

- Display the date of manufacture
- Provide a place on the device where the date of installation can be written
- The date of installation must be visible to the consumer without removing the alarm from its base or mounting bracket
- The alarm contains a hush feature

As of July 1, 2015 when a permit is pulled for \$1,000 or more and work is performed, all detectors will need to be updated to the new models.

## Smoke Detectors must be placed:

- In every bedroom
- Hallways leading to bedrooms that are centrally located outside of sleeping areas
- Every level including basement
- If mounted onto ceiling must be 4 inches from the wall
- If mounted on the wall must be 4-12 inches from ceiling

**The above information pertains to Landlords. Landlords cannot make the tenant responsible for testing or maintaining the smoke alarms.**

This information is deemed reliable but not guaranteed. For complete details of SB745 please see statute on [www.leginfo.legislature.ca.gov](http://www.leginfo.legislature.ca.gov)