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AUTOMATIC FIRE WARNING DEVICES REQUIRED

RSA 153:10-a

The following buildings shall be equipped with Automatic Fire Warning Devices (**Smoke Alarms**):

- All new single family homes
- All single family homes substantially renovated or construction of additional sleeping areas. Substantially renovated means "any renovation valued at an amount greater than half the assessed valuation of the building or dwelling."
- All new and existing multi-family dwellings
- All new and existing residential rental units, which includes any residential unit in a building or single family dwelling which provides permanent or transient living facilities for one or more persons, which is occupied by tenants on a rental basis. This term shall include but not be limited to: hotels, motels, dormitories, apartments, duplex units, rooms rented out of the home of another, and single family dwellings, so long as they are rented.

Automatic Fire Warning Devices must meet the following requirements:

- Hardwired (electrically operated). No person shall connect any automatic fire warning device to an electrical circuit that is dedicated solely to providing power to automatic fire warning devices. The use of automatic fire warning devices that are connected to an electrical power source by means of a plug and cord connector shall be prohibited.
- Two or more smoke alarms installed in a dwelling unit must be interconnected. Interconnection is not required in a retrofit of an existing building but is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**
- Outside every sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms and on all levels of the dwelling unit, including basements and common areas.
- Smoke alarms shall be installed in every sleeping area. Smoke alarms in existing building sleeping areas shall be permitted to be battery powered. **HARDWIRED ELECTRICALLY OPERATED INTERCONNECTION IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.**
- Detectors may be located on a wall or ceiling in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions

Combination Smoke / CO devices are permitted provided that they meet the requirements of UL 217 and UL2034. Interconnected and combination devices must be compatible with all of the other devices connected to that system/circuit.

The owner of a single-family dwelling, multi-unit dwelling and/or rental unit shall install and maintain automatic fire warning devices in good working order. No person, tenant or occupant of a multi-unit dwelling and/or rental unit shall remove any battery from an automatic fire warning device, smoke alarm or detector, disconnect the primary power to an automatic fire warning device, smoke alarm or detector, or tamper with or otherwise render inoperable any automatic fire warning device, smoke alarm or detector. This handout is intended as a general guide and is not all-inclusive. All Electrical work shall be done by a Licensed State of NH Electrician. It is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** that you contact the Jaffrey Fire Chief and the Jaffrey Building Inspector prior to any installation and schedule a walk-through of your building to insure that the required devices are being installed in the required locations.

EVERYONE GOES HOME