



# PORTLAND MAINE

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## **City of Portland Requirements for Smoke and Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms.**

All new and replacement smoke and CO alarms shall be hardwired with battery backup.

New smoke alarms shall be photoelectric.

### **Location**

Smoke alarms shall be located within each sleeping room, immediately outside of each sleeping room, and on each level of the dwelling.

CO alarms shall be located immediately outside of each sleeping room and on each level of the dwelling.

### **Proper Installation**

Smoke alarms shall be located as follows:

- on an interior wall within 12 inches of the ceiling or;
- on a ceiling at least 4 inches from a wall and;
- on a sloped or peaked ceiling within 36 inches of the high point.

Smoke alarms shall **not** be located as follows:

- on an exterior wall or;
- beneath a poorly insulated ceiling underneath an unfinished attic;
- within ten (10) feet horizontally from a cooking appliance;
- Within 36 inches horizontally of the tip of any ceiling fan, an air register, or bathroom door;

In any location that is not maintained above 40° F at all times.

CO alarms shall be installed in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Combination CO and smoke alarms shall **not** be located where smoke alarms are **not** permitted above.

Interconnection of smoke and CO alarms within the dwelling unit is only required if the dwelling is being renovated.