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# Residential Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Requirements

Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors shall be installed in accordance with the 2016 California Residential Code (CRC).

Smoke and CO alarms shall be tested and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

*As of January 1, 2014, property owners cannot require their tenant to be responsible for testing or maintaining the smoke alarms. It is the sole responsibility of the property owner.*

## Smoke alarms shall be installed in the following locations:

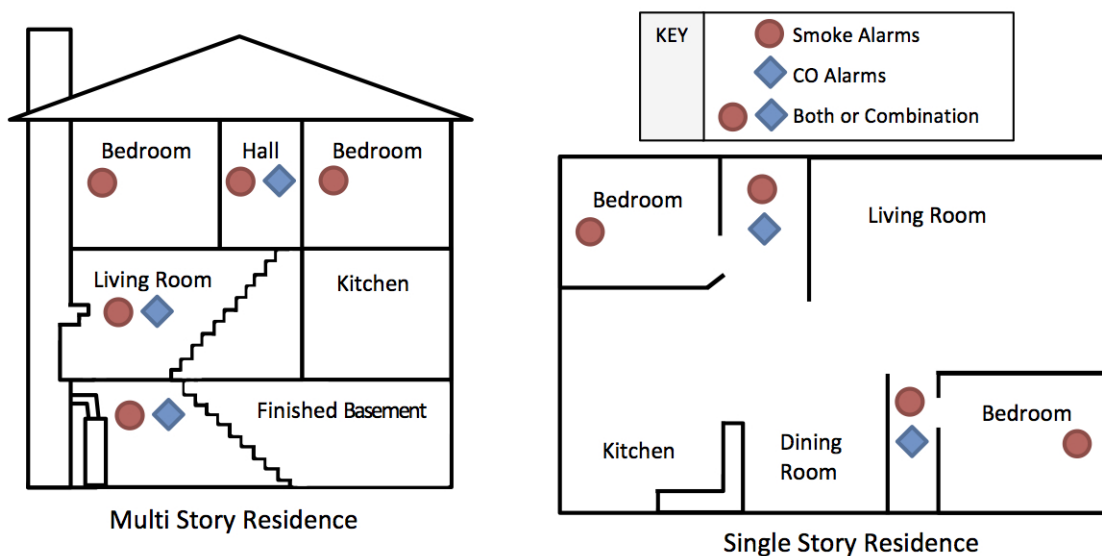
1. In each sleeping room.
2. Outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms.
3. On each additional story of the dwelling, including basements and habitable attics, but not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics.

## Carbon monoxide alarms shall be installed in the following locations:

(only required in residences with fuel burning appliances or with an attached garage)

1. Outside of each separate dwelling unit sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedroom(s).
2. On every level of a dwelling unit including basements.

Note: Combination Smoke and CO detector units are available and can be used in areas where both are required. Using a combination unit where only a smoke alarm is required is acceptable.



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