

HAZLET TOWNSHIP BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION

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Fire Certificate of Occupancy Inspection Checklist

The New Jersey Fire Code mandates the following for any change in occupancy and/or Transfer of Ownership

10 Year Sealed Battery Smoke detectors are required; battery smoke detectors will NOT be accepted

1. SMOKE DETECTORS

- Smoke Detectors may be 10 Year Sealed Battery or Interconnected (hard wired).
- Interconnected smoke detectors **MUST BE** maintained. They may NOT be replaced with the 10-Year Sealed Battery type.
- At least 1 Smoke Detector shall be on every level, including the basement, in close proximity to the stairway leading to the floor above. Levels that have bedrooms, detectors shall be within 10 feet of the bedrooms. *Hazlet Twp. Fire Bureau also **requires** Smoke Detectors in all bedrooms.*
- The smoke detectors should be mounted on the ceiling, but if it has to be mounted on a wall, it must be 4 inches minimum and 12 inches maximum from the ceiling. They must also be 4 inches from any corner, and a minimum of 3 feet from any air registers.
- Smoke Detectors, including hard wired, **MUST BE** under 10-years old
- Please be sure to refer to the manufacturer's instruction.

2. CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

- On each level that has sleeping areas and installed within 10 feet of the bedrooms.
- A CO detector is required in the attic if there is a fuel burning appliance.
- We recommend an additional CO detector in the vicinity of any fuel burning appliance.
- They can be mounted on ceilings or walls with no height restrictions.
- CO detectors must be under 5 years old.
- Please be sure to refer to the manufacturer's instructions.

3. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

- The extinguisher size shall be **no smaller than 2A:10B:C**.
- The extinguisher shall be listed, labeled, charged and operable.
- Must be mounted in plain view, within 10ft of the kitchen area and not mounted behind doors, blocked by furniture or in a cabinet.
- Near room exit or travel path that provides an escape route to exterior.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS CONT.

- Mounted with top of Fire Extinguisher not more than 5' above floor.
- Installed so the operation instructions shall be clearly visible.

Other items that the Inspector will be checking

- The numeric address of the house must be clearly visible from the street and may not be obstructed by any truss, plants or decorations. Should be at least 4" high.
- Outside of property clean of trash, debris, high grass and weeds. No accumulation of rubbish of any kind.
- All utilities are functional. Water, Electric, Gas must be on.
- GFI outlets are required within 6ft of all sinks. All GFI receptacles must trip when pushing the test button.
- Outlets, switches and junction boxes must be properly covered.
- Electrical breaker panels must be properly marked, and cover must be on. There should be a 36" clearance in front of the panel.
- All entry doors that have deadbolt locks must have a thumb latch on the inside.
- Solid core wood or steel doors with a minimum 20-minute fire rating are required for entrances to the house from the garage.
- All windows and doors must be operational. No cracked or broken glass.
- All staircases with 4 or more risers shall have a grasp able railing for the length of the staircase and railings must be secure and in good condition.