



**SELF CERTIFICATION OF INSTALLATION OF SMOKE/CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM(S)**

*The State of California requires smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to be installed in all residential occupancies, that contains a, fuel-burning appliance, fireplace, forced-air furnace or an opening that communicates to an attached garage.*

Property Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner Name \_\_\_\_\_ Permit Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Licensed Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_ License #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Number of Alarms Installed in Dwelling Unit(s): Smoke \_\_\_\_\_ Carbon Monoxide \_\_\_\_\_

**When the valuation of additions, alterations, or repairs to existing dwelling units exceeds \$1000 Sections R314 and R315 of the California Residential Code requires that Smoke Alarms and/or Carbon Monoxide Alarms be installed in the following locations:**

<i>Smoke alarms are installed and functioning:</i>	<i>Carbon monoxide alarms are installed and functioning:</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In each sleeping room</li> <li>2. Outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms.</li> <li>3. On each additional story of the dwelling, including basements and habitable attics but not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics. In dwellings or dwelling units with split levels and without an intervening door between the adjacent levels, a smoke alarm installed on the upper level shall suffice for the adjacent lower level provided that the lower level is less than one full story below the upper level.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Outside of each separate dwelling unit sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedroom/s</li> <li>2. On every level of a dwelling unit, including basements.</li> </ol>

**NOTE:** Physical interconnection of alarms shall not be required where listed wireless alarms are installed and all alarms sound upon activation of one alarm.

**Multi-purpose alarms:** Carbon monoxide alarms combined with smoke alarms shall comply with sections R314.5 and 315.4 and shall be approved by the office of The State Fire Marshal.

**Power Supply:** Alarm(s) may be solely battery operated in buildings that are not served from a commercial power source. In existing dwelling units, alarms are permitted to be solely battery operated where repairs or alterations do not result in the removal of wall and ceiling finishes, or there is no means of access by means of attic, basement, or crawl space. **An electrical permit is required for alarms that must be connected to the building wiring.**

**As the owner of the above referenced Property, I hereby certify that the alarm(s) referenced above has/have been installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions and in compliance with The California Residential Code. The alarms have been tested and are operational.**

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNER:** This is a voluntary self-certification verification procedure. If you prefer a City Building Inspector to perform the verification, you must arrange to have an adult present at the time of inspection and provide a ladder and access to locations of all alarms.

## ❖ **HELPFUL TIPS FOR THE OWNER-BUILDER** ❖

**When the property owner decides to act as their own building contractor, they are commonly referred to as "Owner-Builders." The following tips are intended to assist owner-builders in successfully completing their construction projects. Because most owner-builders are homeowners who are not intimately involved in the construction and inspection process (as are most building contractors) the experience can be overwhelming. The helpful tips listed below will assist you in understanding many of the requirements and regulations that will impact your owner-builder project.**

***What should I do with the Dog?*** Most Building Inspectors have experienced problems with Dogs. Even the "nice" dogs have been known to bite strangers. For the safety of the Building Inspectors, Dogs must not be allowed to run loose in the area where the Building Inspector is to conduct inspections. Please plan to communicate with the Building Inspector directly that the dog has been secured. If you will not be home at the time of the inspection, it is a good idea to leave a note on the front door or the gate that the dog has been secured and that it is safe to enter the fenced yard area to perform the inspection.

***Do I need to be present for the inspection?*** Most inspections will require that someone over 18 years of age be present. It is also advisable that the person doing the actual construction be present to interact with the Building Inspector should questions arise. Additionally, the Building Inspector can be a valuable source of construction information for the owner-builder. On some types of inspections, the Building Inspector needs to have access to the interior of the building, on others they can perform their inspection from the exterior. On those occasions when the Building Inspector does not need to inspect construction features on the interior of the building, an adult need not be present if the approved plans and Permit/Job Card are on the site, there are no dogs loose in the area and access to the area is available (no locked gates, etc.). Nevertheless, it is a good idea to communicate with the Building Inspector (via a phone call or a note on the front door) if you will not be available for the inspection.

***How can I get in contact with the Building Inspector?*** The Building Inspectors can best be reached by phone between 7:00 am to 8:00 am in the morning or between 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm in the afternoon. During most of the day they are in the field at a variety of locations performing inspections and are not available by the phone.

***Does the Building Inspector need to see the City Approved plans?*** Yes. The Building Inspectors primary role is to assure that the project is constructed as shown on the plans that were Approved by the City. When the Permit was issued you were provided with a set of plans that were stamped AApproved@, these are the plans that must be available to the Building Inspector for the inspection. Any deviations from the Approved plans must be reviewed and approved by the Plan Checkers at City Hall before the Building Inspector will approve the work.

***What if I fail the inspection?*** Unfortunately, inspections are not always passed on the first attempt. The Building Inspector will let you know, either verbally or in writing, what the problems are and, in some cases, how to correct the problem. After the corrections have been made, schedule a re-inspection so that the Building Inspector can verify the corrective work. Please be sure to make all the corrections before scheduling the re-inspection. If re-inspections are scheduled and the corrective work has not been done, the Building Inspector may assess a \$25 re-inspection fee which must be paid at City Hall before any additional inspections will be performed at the site.

### ***What about retrofit Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Alarms in my home?***

Most home improvement projects require that smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms be retrofitted into the existing home. The Building Inspector will need to verify that the alarms have been installed in bedrooms, hallways and stairways, etc. The homeowner may choose to complete the ASelf-Certification & Verification Form" in lieu of having the Building Inspector perform the inspection. The specific requirements for the type and location of these alarms is contained in the "Self-Certification & Verification Form@ on the reverse side of this page.