

State of Vermont DAIL Housing Safety Inspection

Smoke Detector Information Sheet and FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions

Where do the smoke detectors need to be located?

- Any room where a heating source is located
- All bedrooms in the house

Can I have combination alarms (CO and Smoke)?

- Yes, these are ideal for areas with a heat source.

Can the smoke alarms be battery operated?

- No, the smoke alarms must have a **sealed** 10-yr life lithium-ion battery or be hardwired to the house. If the smoke alarm is hardwired, there will be a place for a battery backup. If the smoke detector is designed to be hardwired, it must be hardwired or it is non-compliant.

What if the information needed for the smoke detector is located on the box or paper insert and not on the detector?

- This is considered non-compliant for the inspection. All information **must be located on the detector itself** and accessible during the inspection. There is no way to be sure the box or paperwork is for this specific detector.

Where is the best place to get a compliant smoke detector?

- Your local hardware store where you can physically verify all the necessary information is located on the detector and you have the correct one. It is tempting to go on Amazon and get the cheapest package deal but often, they will not pass the inspection.

Acceptable Models

This list is not exclusive, but these are the most common models that fit the requirements of the DAIL Housing Safety Inspections. The names next to the smoke detectors are hyperlinks to order from Amazon. These links are not always up to date – please use caution when purchasing.

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| Kidde Smoke Detector Model 20SD10 10-Year Battery Powered, Photoelectric Sensor Smoke Alarm | <u>Kidde Smoke Detector, 10-Year Battery Powered, Photoelectric Sensor Smoke Alarm, LED Light Indicators - Amazon.com</u> |  A product image showing a Kidde 10-year battery-powered smoke detector. It is a white, circular device with a red 'KIDDE' logo and a red 'DETECT SMOKE' button. The packaging box is visible behind it, featuring the same design with a red '10-YEAR' label. |
| First Alert Model SM210 10-Year Sealed Battery Smoke Alarm | <u>First Alert SM210, 10-Year Sealed Battery Smoke Alarm with Slim Profile Design, 1-Pack - Amazon.com</u> |  A product image showing a First Alert SM210 smoke detector. It is a white, circular device with a small 'K' logo in the center. The text 'SMOKE ALARM' and 'POWER' are visible on the top edge. |