

SB 745 Smoke Alarm Requirements Reminder

The exemption that exists for battery powered smoke alarm installed prior to July 1, 2014 expires on July 15, 2015.

- On July 1, 2015 **ALL old smoke alarms** that are solely powered by batteries must be replaced with those that contain a sealed battery that is rated to last 10 years.
 - **Smoke Alarm Manufacturers** are approved to sell battery operated smoke alarms only which contain a non-replaceable, non-removable battery capable of powering the smoke alarm for at least 10 years.
 - **For Consumers, installed operable and in working condition smoke alarms are NOT required to be replaced.** If a building permit is issued after 1/1/2014 for alterations, repairs exceeding \$1000, the permit issuer cannot sign off on the completion of the work until the owner/contractor demonstrates that all smoke alarms for the property are approved by State Fire Marshall.
- Effective July 1, 2015, all smoke alarms powered by hardwire or battery must comply with the provisions of having a label showing date of installation & manufacturer.

These are only updates in addition to the already existing requirements. Below are all of the requirements as of July 1, 2015.

Device Requirements:

- Can be hardwired with battery backup, or solely battery powered but **MUST** contain a non-removable battery that is rated to last 10 years
- Must display date manufactured, and must have a place to display date installed.
- Built in hush feature.

Device Placement:

- Must be installed in every bedroom.
- Must be installed in hallways leading to bedrooms, centrally located outside sleeping areas.
- Must be installed on every level/floor, including basements.
- If mounted on the ceiling, should be 4 inches from the wall.
- If mounted on the wall, should be 4-12 inches from the ceiling.
- Do **NOT** install near draft areas, such as windows and vents.
- Call local Fire Department if you are unsure about placement.

Additional Requirements:

- As of January 1, 2014, landlords cannot make the tenant responsible for testing or maintaining the smoke alarms. It is the landlord's responsibility.