

# California Smoke Alarm Law *At a Glance*



Smoke alarms must be installed in all existing residential rental properties and in existing single-family dwellings that are sold.



Owners (or Property Managers) of rental property are responsible for testing & maintaining smoke alarms.



Battery Operated Smoke Alarms must

- be equipped with a non-removable, non-replaceable 10-year battery
- display the date of manufacture and date of installation
- incorporate a hush feature



Smoke Alarms must be approved and listed by the State Fire Marshal and must be installed in compliance with current building standards

- Inside each sleeping area
- On each story for multi-story units
- In each hallway and/or stairway that leads to sleeping areas



Existing alarms installed need not be replaced unless the alarm is inoperable.

# Carbon Monoxide Alarms *At a Glance*

The Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act (Senate Bill - SB 183) requires owners of all single-family homes and owners of leased or rental dwellings with an attached garage or a fossil fuel source to install carbon monoxide detectors within the home.



Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms must be replaced within the specified lifetime of the product, usually 5 to 10 years after the date of manufacture. Check the back of your alarm for the date of manufacture. Aging alarms do not operate efficiently and often are the source for nuisance alarms.

Resources for Property Owners :

- Information Bulletins from State Fire Marshal
    - Published Sept. 4, 2014 (Revised Feb 12, 2015)
    - Published Nov. 18, 2013 (Revised March 10, 2014)
  - Office of the State Fire Marshal: <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/>
  - San Diego County Fire Authority: <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/sdcfa/>
  - City of San Diego Fire and Rescue Department: <http://www.sandiego.gov/fire/>
- Cal Fire Carbon Monoxide page:  
[http://www.fire.ca.gov/communications/communications\\_firesafety\\_carbonmonoxide.php](http://www.fire.ca.gov/communications/communications_firesafety_carbonmonoxide.php)

