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## SMOKE ALARMS

### R313.2 Required smoke alarm locations.

At least one smoke alarm shall be installed in each of the following locations:

- (a) In the living area remote from the kitchen and cooking appliances. Smoke alarms located within 20 feet (6.1 m) horizontally of a cooking appliance must incorporate a temporary silencing feature or be photoelectric type.
- (b) In each room designed for sleeping.
- (c) On the ceiling of the upper level near the top or above each stairway, other than a basement stairway, in any multistory dwelling. The alarm shall be located so that smoke rising in the stairway cannot be prevented from reaching the alarm by an intervening door or obstruction.
- (d) On the basement ceiling near the stairway.

### R313.2.1 Alterations and additions.

When interior alterations or additions requiring a permit occur, or when one or more sleeping rooms are added or created in existing dwellings, the individual dwelling unit shall be provided with smoke alarms located as required for new dwellings; the smoke alarms shall be interconnected and hard wired.

Exceptions:

1. Smoke alarms in existing areas shall not be required to meet the requirements of R313.5 where the alterations do not result in the removal of the interior wall or ceiling finishes exposing the structure unless there is an attic, crawlspace, or basement available that could provide access for hard wiring and interconnection without the removal of interior finishes.

### R313.3 Prohibited smoke alarm locations.

A smoke alarm required under this section shall not be placed:

1. within 3 feet (914 mm) horizontally from any grille moving conditioned air within the living space; or
2. in any location or environment that is prohibited by the terms of the listing.

### R313.5 Connection to Power Source.

Each smoke alarm shall be powered from:

1. the electrical system of the home as the primary power source and a battery as a secondary power source; or
2. a battery rated for a 10-year life, provided the smoke alarm is listed for use with a 10 year battery.

Exception: Visible notification appliances are required to operate from the primary power source but are not required to operate from a secondary power source.

R313.5.1 Circuitry. Each smoke alarm whose primary power source is the home electrical system shall be mounted on an electrical outlet box and be connected by a permanent wiring method to a general branch circuit. The same branch circuit may serve more than one smoke alarm. The branch circuit for the alarm shall not include any switches between the branch circuit overcurrent protective device and the alarm and shall not be protected by a ground-fault circuit-interrupter.

R313.5.2 Interconnection. When more than one smoke alarm is required to be installed within an individual dwelling unit, the alarm devices shall be interconnected in such a manner that the actuation of one alarm will activate all of the alarms in the individual unit.

