



TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

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MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCES

1. An **approved** hardwired, inter-connected smoke alarm system in common area.
 - Make sure system is operational
 - **Smoke detectors MUST** be less than 10 years old, they **MUST** be the same brand, they **MUST** have a battery back-up and heat detector. **MUST** be used in place of smoke detector in unheated foyers (If applicable.)
 - Circuit breaker for alarm system must be clearly marked.
 - The smoke alarm **MUST BE ON ITS OWN** electrical circuit. There should be NO lights, emergency lights or anything else on this electrical circuit.
 - **The homeowner is responsible for the payment of electrical service that controls the smoke alarm system** (House meter or other special arrangement approved.)
2. **A smoke detector** in each apartment (Should be located within 10 feet of the bedrooms, avoid kitchen if possible and may be battery operated.)
3. **A carbon monoxide detector** in each apartment (Outside sleeping areas, avoid kitchen if possible and may be battery operated.)
4. **Fire Extinguisher locations** 2A:10 ABC rated fire extinguisher(s) with a classification code of 2A:10 ABC or greater shall be mounted in a visible and accessible location, within reach and route of means of egress and 10 feet within location of all kitchen appliances. The fire extinguisher(s) is not allowed to be placed in the cabinet, closet, pantry and / or behind any doors. The fire extinguisher mounting height shall be approximately 5 feet off the floor. If there are multiple kitchens, each kitchen requires a fire extinguisher.
5. A self-closing fire rated basement door.
6. A good seal around the water heaters and heating unit flue pipes chimney. A poor seal in these connections will result in carbon monoxide leak.
7. No doubled keyed locks on doors (No key required to open from inside the apartment or building exits.)
8. No blocked exits or stairways.
9. If you have bars on windows in bedrooms or any room used as a bedroom at least one of them shall be able to open without keys or special knowledge, for the purpose of escape.
10. No holes in the basement ceiling sheetrock.
11. No propane tanks or gasoline cans should be stored inside the house.
12. Fires escapes must be fully functional, in good condition and not blocked or locked.
13. No dangerous electrical hazards (No open junction boxes, covers or all electrical panels, all wiring must be in approved junction boxes, extension cords are not to be used as permanent wiring, etc.)
14. No UNAPPROVED LIVING QUARTERS IN A BASEMENT!!!!

If you have any questions, please call the Fire Prevention Bureau office at 973-399-6559, Monday – Friday between the hours 7 am and 4:30 pm, we will gladly address and answer any questions you may have.