



**Nassau County Building/Code
Enforcement Department**
96161 Nassau Place
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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 1, 2015
TO: Residential Renovation Permit Applicants
FROM: Michael Griffin, CBO, CFM, Building Official
SUBJECT: Smoke Alarms for Alterations, repairs and additions

On June 30, 2015, the Florida Residential Building Code Fifth Edition (2014) will take effect. A major change will be to require smoke alarms for residential (one and two family dwellings and townhomes) alterations, repairs and additions where permits are required. **Section R314.2 Smoke detection systems** will require smoke alarms to be installed in each added or existing sleeping room, outside each sleeping room in the vicinity of the bedrooms. Smoke alarms will also be required on each additional story for the dwelling, including basements and habitable attics but not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics. In dwellings or dwelling units with split levels and without an intervening door between the adjacent levels, a smoke alarm installed on the upper level shall suffice for the adjacent lower level provided that the lower level is less than on full story below the upper level.

For Level 1 alterations smoke alarms powered by 10-year nonremovable, nonreplaceable batteries in lieu of retrofitting such dwelling with smoke alarms powered by the dwelling's electrical system is acceptable.

Exceptions are where work is involving exterior surfaces only such as roofing, siding addition or replacement of windows. Also installation, alteration of plumbing or mechanical systems are exempt from this requirement.