

BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION

Borough of Helmetta
51 Main Street
Helmetta, NJ 08828

Under the Uniform Fire Code of the State of New Jersey, all persons who sell, rent or transfer ownership of a residence - home, townhouse, condo, apartment must have a smoke detector, carbon monoxide detector, and fire extinguisher compliance test performed before the closing is executed.

N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.3

(a) Before any Use Group R-3 structure is sold, leased, or otherwise made subject to a change of occupancy for residential purposes, the owner shall obtain a certificate of smoke detector and carbon monoxide compliance (CSDCMAC), evidencing compliance with N.J.A.C. 5:70-4.19, from the appropriate enforcing agency.

N.J.S.A. 52:27D-198.1

The requirements for the type and placement of the extinguishers are as follows:

- 1) At least one portable fire extinguisher shall be installed in all one- and two-family dwellings (except seasonal rental units) upon change of occupancy;
- 2) The extinguisher shall be listed, labeled, charged, and operable;
- 3) The size shall be no smaller than 2A:10B:C, rated for residential use and weigh no more than 10lbs;
- 4) The hangers or brackets supplied by the manufacturer must be used;
- 5) The extinguisher must be located within 10 feet of the kitchen;
- 6) The top of the extinguisher must not be more than 5 feet above the floor;
- 7) The extinguisher must be visible and in a readily accessible location, free from being blocked by furniture, storage, or other items;
- 8) The extinguisher must be near a room exit or travel path that provides an escape route to the exterior;
- 9) The extinguisher must be accompanied by an owner's manual or written information regarding the operation, inspection, and maintenance of the extinguisher; and
- 10) Lastly, the extinguisher must be installed with the operating instructions clearly visible.

Online Application for Smoke Detector Test (under forms)

Applications must be submitted at least
seven days in advance of requested
Wednesday inspection date. Tests are conducted on Wednesday Evening
For Further questions, contact the Fire Marshal @ 732-521-4946, EXT 109