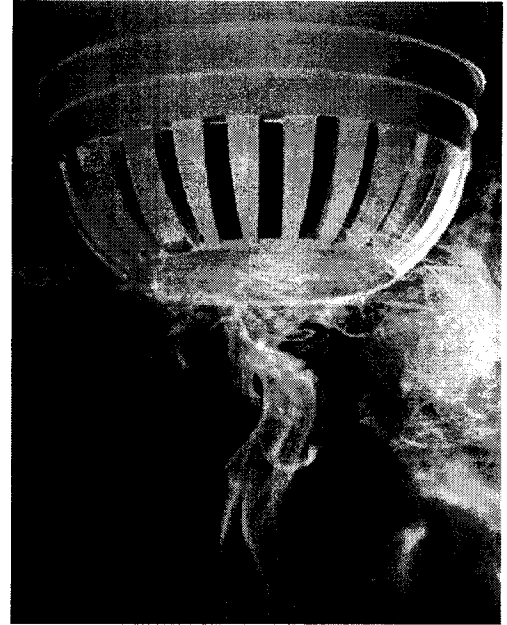


Smoke Alarm Requirement

Information Regarding the Required Installation of Smoke Alarms in Sleeping Areas in Existing Apartments

- In 2004 the Florida Fire Prevention Code began requiring electrically operated smoke detectors be installed outside of every bedroom in existing residential buildings of 3 units or more.
- The current edition of the code now requires that a smoke detector also be installed **inside each bedroom** for these same structures. Buildings with fire sprinklers are exempt.
- To ease the financial burden on owners, the code allows for a detector powered by a nonchargeable, non-replaceable, 10 year battery to be used inside each bedroom instead of the expense of installing electrical detectors.
- Detectors should be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Beginning in January 2016 and throughout the year, Fire Department inspectors will be sending courtesy notices to owners of affected buildings and unit owners.
- With that courtesy notice, you will receive an **Affidavit of Compliance**. Simply fill out the form, have it notarized and return **the original** by mail: or in person to the Fire Department at 2801 Coral Springs Drive • Coral Springs, Florida 33065.



Smoke Detector Facts

- You are more than twice as likely to die in a home fire without a working smoke alarm.
- To reduce and slow the spread of fire, it is recommended that you sleep with your bedroom door shut.
- A closed bedroom door will reduce the level of smoke detector sound by 20 decibels. That's roughly the difference between the levels of a hair dryer versus the level of normal human conversation.
- You have no sense of smell when you sleep so you will not detect smoke.