



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU
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**26F & 26F ½ Smoke Detector & Carbon Monoxide Detector
Compliance Policy**

- File an application for 26F/26F1/2 certification at the Fire Prevention Bureau, 1 Franey Road (Blank applications are available, cannot be done electronically). Office hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM.
- The certification/inspection fee is \$50.00 per unit; it must be received at the time of filing. Checks only, **NO CASH ACCEPTED**. Fee is non-refundable.
- A date and time for inspection will be assigned when the application is filed. The inspection **must be requested at least two (2) weeks in advance of the date desired**. Inspections are scheduled on a first come first served basis.
- **BEFORE** the inspection, the alarm system should be checked by the owner, agent, or an electrician for proper operations and placement/location of detectors (information is available at the Fire Prevention Bureau, 1 Franey Road).
- **Inspection Day:**
 - Arrive at the location at least five (5) minutes before the designated time.
 - The Inspector will wait ten (10) minutes past the scheduled time. After that, the application will be returned as a failed inspection.
 - The system will fail automatically if the devices are not mounted or operating. The fire Inspector is not there to install (batteries/detectors) or to direct someone else to perform these procedures.
 - Have keys and access to **ALL** areas of the building. If the inspector cannot get into an apartment or area, the inspection **FAILS**.
- Certificates are considered valid for sixty (60) days from the date issued.

If the system **FAILS**, you must submit a new application and schedule a **NEW** appointment, subject to the conditions outlined above. If you need assistance or have any questions regarding the proper location to place the detectors, please contact the Somerville Fire Prevention Bureau at (617) 623-1700 extension 8400 during the regular office hours. (Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM).

Massachusetts General Law Chapter 148 Sec. 26F and 26F1/2

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Smoke Detectors:

- All smoke detectors shall be mounted on the ceiling per manufacturer recommendations.
- One smoke detector for every 1200 sq. ft. of living space
- A minimum of one smoke detector required on every habitable level and one detector in the basement within 5 ft. of all stairways.
- One smoke detector outside of each separate sleeping area. (Also inside bedroom on new construction or renovation).
- If a bedroom is located off of a kitchen, the smoke detector shall be located inside the bedroom.
- One smoke detector on the ceiling of **all** stairways on **all** floor levels.
- If a smoke detector is located within 20 ft. of a kitchen or bathroom the smoke detector must be a photoelectric detector.
- If a smoke detector is located over 20 ft. from a kitchen or bathroom it must be dual type photoelectric/ionization or separate detectors.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors:

- All carbon monoxide detectors shall be mounted per manufacturer recommendations.
- A minimum of one CO detector on every level including the basement.
- The CO detector must be located within 10 ft. of every bedroom.
- Combination smoke/carbon monoxide detectors are acceptable.
- If a combination detector is used it must be the speaking type.
- Plug in carbon monoxide devices may be used if smoke detectors are hard wired.

***The Fire Prevention Bureau may be contacted for any assistance needed.**