



**Borough of South Plainfield**  
2480 Plainfield Avenue  
South Plainfield, NJ 07080

**Note to Home Owners and Contractors doing repairs/renovations and alterations**  
**Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide Detector Requirements**

State law requires that all residential uses have smoke detectors installed and maintained on each level of the structure (including basements), outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms and located on or near the ceiling but not in corners. Battery operated detectors are acceptable. Homes built after 1977 which required a/c smoke detectors or a/c inter wired smoke detectors or a/c inter wired smoke detectors with battery backup must maintain these type of detectors and cannot substitute battery operated smoke detectors.

State law requires that all residential uses containing a fuel burning appliance or having an attached garage install a carbon monoxide alarm in the immediate vicinity of all bedroom areas. Battery operated, hard wired, or plug in types are permitted.

If you are a contractor or homeowner doing any type repair/renovation or alteration work on a residential property please note this requirement. This would include but is not limited to re-roofing, siding, water heater replacement or installation, furnace or boiler replacement or installation. **Note:** Home additions may require additional inter wired smoke detectors with battery backup.

If you have any questions regarding this please call John Pabst (Construction Official) at (908) 226-7645.