



SMOKE ALARM REQUIREMENTS

FOR ALTERATIONS, REPAIRS & ADDITIONS

Section R314 (*As Amended by Kane County)

R314.1.1 Smoke Alarms Per 2021 International Residential Code

[F] R313.1 Smoke alarms. Smoke alarms shall be installed in the following locations:

1. Each sleeping room.
2. Outside each separate sleeping area within 15 feet of every room used for sleeping purposes per 425 ILCS 60, Smoke Detector Act.
3. On each additional story of the dwelling, including the basement but not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics. In a dwelling or dwelling unit with split levels without an intervening door between the adjacent levels, a smoke alarm installed on the upper level shall suffice for the adjacent lower level provided the lower level is less than one full story below the upper level.

When more than one smoke alarm is required to be installed within an individual dwelling unit the alarm devices shall be interconnected in such a manner that the actuation of one alarm will activate all of the alarms in the individual dwelling. The alarm shall be clearly audible in all bedrooms over background noise levels with all intervening doors closed.

All smoke alarms shall be listed and installed in accordance with the provision of this code and the household fire warning equipment provisions of NFPA 72.

[EB]R313.1.1 Alterations, repairs and additions. When interior alterations, repairs or additions requiring a permit occur, or when one or more sleeping rooms are added or created in existing dwellings, the individual dwelling unit shall be provided with smoke alarms located as required for the dwelling; the smoke alarms shall be interconnected and hard wired.

Exceptions:

1. Smoke alarms in existing areas shall not be required to be interconnected and hard wired where the alterations or repairs do not result in the removal of interior wall or ceiling finishes exposing the structure, unless there is an attic, crawl space or basement available which could provide access for hard wiring and interconnection without the removal of interior finishes.
2. Repairs to the exterior surfaces of a dwelling are exempt from the requirement of this section.

[F] R313.2 Power source. In new construction, the required smoke alarms shall receive their primary power from the building wiring when such wiring is served from a commercial source, and when primary power is interrupted, shall receive power from a battery. Wiring shall be permanent and without a disconnection switch other than those required of overcurrent protection. Smoke alarms shall be permitted to be battery operated when installed in buildings without commercial power or in buildings that undergo alterations, repairs or additions regulated by Section R314.6