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## Short-Term Rental Home Safety Requirements

### Purpose

STR owners must allow the Northstar Fire Department to conduct Fire & Life Safety inspections once every 3 years. The Northstar Fire Department will contact the STR owners or their management companies directly to schedule and perform an inspection over the next three years. Inspections will take one to three hours to complete.

Below is a list of some of the fire & life safety requirements the Northstar Fire Department will be inspecting and enforcing.

### Inspection Requirements

[Placer County Short Term Rental Code 9.42.010](#)

#### Please note:

1. Alarms and extinguishers must be installed prior to, and available to inspect at the time of the Fire & Life Safety inspection.
2. STR owners (or, their management company) must provide access and be present during the Fire & Life Safety inspection.
3. Failure to comply may result in a re-inspection fee.

### Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Effective January 1, 2020 all Short-Term Rental units require functioning smoke & carbon monoxide alarms installed in accordance with the 2019 California Residential Code (CRC) and will be verified at the time of your fire and life safety inspection.

#### Smoke Alarms shall be installed in the following locations:

- In each sleeping room.
- Outside each sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms.
- On each additional story of the dwelling, including basements but not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics

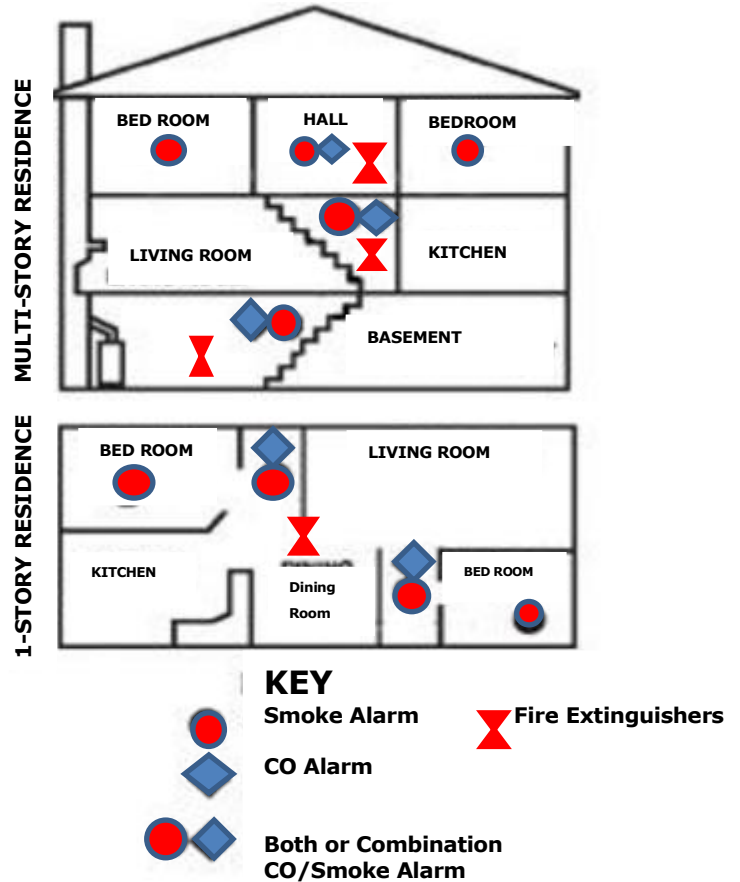
#### Carbon Monoxide Alarms shall be installed in the following locations:

- Outside of each separate dwelling unit sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedroom(s).
- On every level of a dwelling unit including basement
- Where a fuel-burning appliance is located within a bedroom or its attached bathroom, a carbon monoxide alarm shall be installed within the bedroom.

## Fire Extinguishers

- Minimum 5-pound, Type 3-A, 40-B-C
- On each additional story of the dwelling, including basements but not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics
- Mounted in a conspicuous location within 75-foot reach
- Must be professionally inspected annually
- Within 30 feet of the kitchen

Installation Location	Smoke Alarm	Carbon Monoxide Alarm	Fire Extinguisher
In each sleeping room	X		
Outside each sleeping room	X	X	
On every story of the structure	X	X	X
Sleeping room with a fuel-burning appliance		X	
Within 75-foot reach			X



## Additional Requirements for Short-Term Rentals in the Northstar Community Services District:

### VOIP and Monitored Alarm systems:

- VOIP and monitored alarm systems must have a battery backup and a panic button if cell service is inadequate.

### Fire Pits and BBQs:

- Must be propane or natural gas with a 20-pound tank or smaller.
- Must be placed to have at least 10 feet vertical and horizontal clearance from any structure or any flammable/combustible material.
- Manual 3-hour timer at natural gas stub-outs.
- Gas shut-off valves at the natural gas stub-out as well as at the firepit.
- Firepit flame heights no taller
- Shall NOT be wood or charcoal burning.

**Gas or wood burning heating devices:**

- Shall have been inspected within the last 12 months prior to the fire and life safety inspection.

**Defensible Space:**

- Must demonstrate State, County and Local defensible space compliance as part of the fire and life safety inspection.

For more information, please go to the following link:

<https://www.northstarcsd.org/ShortTermRentalInformation>