

Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors must be in the proper locations and operational and your house must be properly numbered in order to receive your certificate. ***If your home does not pass this inspection or if you fail to appear for this inspection, another inspection will have to be conducted and there will be a \$10.00 re-inspection fee charged at the time of scheduling of this re-inspection.***

#### **SMOKE DETECTOR REQUIREMENT**

- ◆ Certificate expires sixty (60) days from date of issue.
- ◆ All smoke detectors shall be located on the ceiling.
- ◆ One smoke detector shall be installed to protect each separate sleeping area. Bedrooms separated by kitchens or living rooms shall be considered as separate sleeping areas. Smoke detectors installed to protect a sleeping area shall be located outside the bedroom where possible, but in the immediate vicinity of the sleeping area. When a bedroom is directly off a kitchen or cooking area, the smoke detector shall be installed ***INSIDE*** the bedroom.
- ◆ Smoke detectors installed to detect a fire in the basement shall be located in close proximity to the stairwell to the floor above (floor joist).
- ◆ A detector shall be located on the ceiling on the upper level of a stairwell and a detector shall also be located on the ceiling of the lower level - in close proximity to the stairwell. The only exception to this rule is the basement stairwell where there only needs to be one at the bottom of the stairs and not one at the top.
- ◆ Attics serviced by a stairway shall have a detector installed high on a rafter. This is not required in attics with trap doors.
- ◆ In a two-family house, the installation is the same as above with the exception of an uncommon stairwell (when each tenant has their own outside door). In this case, a detector is only required on the ceiling of the second floor hallway - outside the apartment door. If there is a common stairwell, a detector shall be located on the ceiling on the upper level of the stairwell and a detector shall also be located on the ceiling of the lower level – in close proximity to the stairwell.