

Renihan Meadows Smoke / Carbon Monoxide Detector Rules

RMC Fire pit

Lebanon Fire Department's main objective is to make sure people are safe. The Fire Department is very concerned for the elderly and children who may not hear an alarm when the door is closed. The basis for the rules below are two bulletins released by the State of NH Department of Safety (Smoke alarms issued May 2020 and Carbon Monoxide issued February 2015).

At this time, carbon monoxide detectors are not required to be hardwired for existing Multi Unit Dwellings. When it comes to hardwired smoke detectors Renihan is grandfathered and we do not have to hardwire smoke detectors placed in sleeping areas, however it is strongly recommended and even required if a bedroom was added or work done to the ceiling and walls of a sleeping area. The Lebanon fire department recommends battery operated smoke detector that can communicate with the main system would be their second choice if hard wired smoke detectors were not placed in sleeping areas.

Below are the rules that all owners must follow to be in compliance with the current Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detector bulletins issued by the State of NH Department of Safety.

1. Owners who rent their units should put in their leases that the renter is responsible for making sure smoke and carbon dioxide detectors are working and to replace batteries every six months. If not working the owner must be notified immediately
2. Owners must replace any and all detectors over 10 years old. Testing of all units should be done yearly and devices replaced as needed.
3. Owners replacing hardwired detectors in the main areas should, but are not required, to hardwire the sleeping area smoke detectors at the same time.
4. If not replacing all hard wired detectors units owners must ensure the new detector is compatible with the old (i.e. able to communicate). Communication between units is critical per the bulletins
5. Any holes in the ceiling of the basement must be fixed so the owner is in compliance with fire code. Basically it helps slow the spread of a fire and can be cited by the Fire Marshall if not done
6. Any renovations to the wall or ceiling of an existing or new bedroom requires hard wiring of all detectors.

Violations of the above rules will lead to fines. Any fines levied by the Fire Department will be

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the responsibility of the owner.