



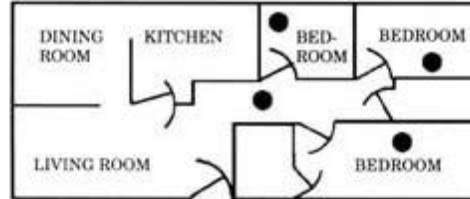
San Mateo County Fire Prevention Officers Section

HOME SMOKE DETECTOR INSTALLATION GUIDE

Required Locations

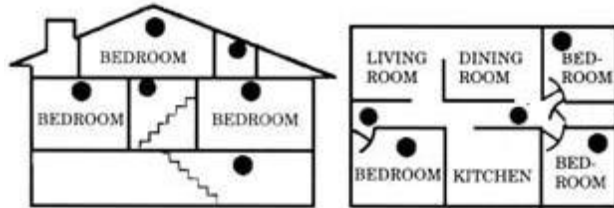
Smoke detectors must be located properly in order to provide early warning of fires. They should be located in all of the following locations:

- In every bedroom
- In hallways outside of bedrooms
- At the top of stairs inside the home
- On each level if dwelling has two or more levels



Smoke detectors should not be located:

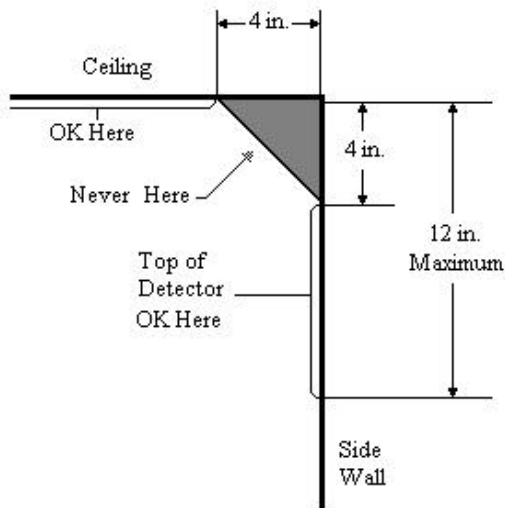
- Near heaters or heater vents
- Directly outside bathroom doors
- In kitchens
- In garages



Dust, water vapor and cooking can all cause false alarms. Smoke detectors should not be located in areas where these materials are produced.

Mounting Guidelines

- Smoke detectors should be located on smooth flat ceilings if possible.
- If mounting on sloped ceilings, smoke detectors should be placed near the peak (top) of the ceiling.
- Smoke detectors on ceiling should not be placed closer than 4 inches to the adjoining wall.
- If the smoke detector must be mounted on the wall near the ceiling, the top of the detector should be placed within 4 to 12 inches of the ceiling.



Should you have any questions please call your local Fire Department.