



TECHNICAL POLICY
for
**SMOKE ALARMS & EXCEPTIONS FOR
REQUIREMENT**

- TECHNICAL GUIDELINE
- CODE INTERPRETATION
- CODE MODIFICATION

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Building Code Sections:	R314.2.2 (2018 IRC)
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References:	

The purpose of this Technical Policy is to clarify pertinent sections of adopted Building Codes (Standards) concerning the exceptions of when Smoke Alarms are not required in accordance with 2018 IRC, Section R314.2.2. This technical policy in no way effects the portions of the building code that requires Smoke Alarms for new construction, additions or alterations to a dwelling, including the addition of a garage.

ALTERATIONS, REPAIRS AND ADDITIONS:

In general, the adopted code requires the installation of smoke alarms for any work requiring a permit to an individual dwelling unit located as required for new dwellings. The code specifically exempts work involving *exterior surfaces of dwellings, such as replacement of roofing or siding, the addition or replacement of windows or doors, or the addition of a porch or deck.*

ADDITIONAL EXCEPTIONS:

Additional exceptions acknowledged by the Building Safety Department are:

1. Swimming Pools.
2. Electrical Panel Change Outs.
3. Covered Patios/New Shade Structures (classify these as a porch or deck).
4. Detached Free-Standing Garage or Other Accessory Structure.
5. Photovoltaic Solar Systems.

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