

# San Mateo County Fire Prevention Officers Section

# HOME SMOKE DETECTOR INSTALLATION GUIDE

### **Required Locations**

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- · 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

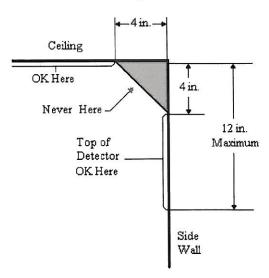
## Smoke detectors should not be located:

- 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 place 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.



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