

TOWN OF HOLDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT

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# Checklist for Certificate of Compliance

### Scheduling and inspection:

Contact the Holden Fire Department at 508-210-5650 EXT 0 to schedule an inspection of your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors as early as possible. Please allow 4 days advanced notice when scheduling inspections. The certificate of compliance is good for sixty (60) days. The homeowner or a homeowners representative is required to be present for the inspection.

Fee for the certificate of compliance is twenty-five (\$25.00), failure of an inspection require a re-inspection fee of an additional twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

#### Prior to the arrival of the fire department:

Make sure that your posted street number is on the house, 3" in height, in a contrasting color and visible from the street (MGL Chapter 148, section 59, Holden Town Bylaw Chapter 2, section XIV).

#### Smoke and CO detectors:

Make sure that you have the proper smoke and CO detectors based upon the year your house was constructed or substantially altered\* (780 CMR Massachusetts State Building Code).

Make sure that both the smoke and CO detectors are located in the appropriate locations\* (MGL Chapter 148, section 26F/ 26F ½, 527 CMR 1.00, 13.7.2.14.2 and 13.7.2.14.5).

Make sure that all detectors are tested prior to the Fire Department arrival and working properly.

If the smoke detectors in the residence are 10 years from the date of manufacture then they will need to be replaced. (527 CMR 1.00, 13.7.2.1.5).

If the house is heated by oil, ensure that there is either an Oil Safety Valve in place or the oil line has sleeved protection (MGL Chapter 148, section 38J).

## Homes which have alarm systems that are connected to a central station provider:

- > A person(s) with knowledge of the fire alarm system present for the inspection.
- > A person(s) knowing the password(s) with the ability to reset the system present for the inspection.
- > The central station provider must be notified of testing prior to conducting the inspection.
- Certificate of inspection from the alarm company done within the last three (3) years must be provided at the time of inspection by the Fire Department.

\*Refer to the Holden Fire Department Guidelines for Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Requirements.