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Question:

Is it the intent of R315 to require a hard-wired carbon monoxide alarm to be interconnected with other residential CO or smoke alarms?

Answer

It appears the answer to the question is no. There are 4 methods to meet the carbon monoxide alarm requirement including battery operated alarms. However, if any of the smoke/carbon monoxide combo alarms outside the sleeping rooms are also serving as a required smoke alarm, they would have to be hardwired to the other smoke alarms.

Commentary:

None

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