

# Public Service Announcement

## FOR RELEASE

Hi Warren, This is article #2 of this set, Please release before Carbon Monoxide Detector Article. Thank you!

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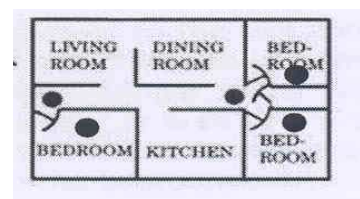
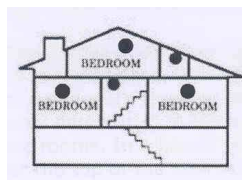
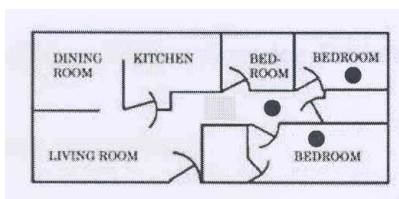
### PRESENTS – *Fire Safety* - Smoke Detectors

There is no denying that smoke detectors or smoke alarms save lives. Smoke detectors work by either reacting to optical (sensing smoke movement) or chemical (Ionization) triggers. Sometimes both.

In today’s market a smoke detector might not only sound an alarm, but also have flashing lights. They may be battery operated stand-alone devices or might be interconnected to other smoke detectors in the property and directly connected to the structures wiring but have a battery back-up.

Smoke detectors do not detect carbon monoxide, combination detectors are available however.

It is recommended in Article 72 of the NFPA Fire Code to have a smoke detector on every habitable and accessible area and outside all bedrooms. The ideal is to have a smoke detector in each bedroom. They should not be placed in a bathroom or near a bathroom door. It is also recommended that smoke detectors not be placed in a kitchen. Rate of rise detectors are available for kitchen use.



There are many more suggestions and ideas relating to smoke detectors, new construction requirements, and rental properties. For information about smoke detectors and suggestions concerning placement of smoke detectors please feel free to contact the Athens-Sayre Joint Code Enforcement Agency at 888-4410.

**They are reasonably priced and DO SAVE LIVES. If you are in need of smoke detectors but cannot afford to purchase them, contact your local fire department or the Code Office. FREE SMOKE DETECTORS ARE AVAILABLE. CALL 570-888-4410. Make sure this valuable, inexpensive alarm is in your home!**