

KITSAP COUNTY

Fire and Life Safety Compliance Requirements Existing Multi-Family Residential Buildings Classified as Group R, Division 1 Occupancy and constructed prior to July 1, 1998

	Unincorporated Kitsap County, including City of Poulsbo ¹	City of Port Orchard ²	City of Bremerton ³
Level I Buildings – Less than 3 floors in height and more than 4 dwelling units			
Smoke detectors shall be installed by the owner in all sleeping areas on or before: Using Approved forms, the owner shall certify to the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) that the devices have been installed as required and are working properly.	7/1/2000	6/30/2001	1/1/2001
An emergency evacuation plan , approved by the AHJ, shall be established by the owner and reviewed with all tenants and posted in common areas on or before:	1/1/2001	1/1/2002	1/1/2001
Emergency evacuation plans shall be reviewed and updated annually by Owners. Revised plans shall be submitted to the AHJ for review and approval.	Annually	Annually	Annually
Level II Buildings – 3 or more floors in height and less than 17 dwelling units			
Smoke detectors shall be installed by the owner in all sleeping areas on or before:	7/1/2000	6/30/2001	1/1/2001
An emergency evacuation plan , approved by the AHJ, shall be established by the owner and reviewed with all tenants and posted in common areas on or before:	1/1/2001	1/1/2002	1/1/2001
Emergency evacuation plans shall be reviewed and updated annually by Owners. Revised plans shall be submitted to the AHJ for review and approval.	Annually	Annually	Annually
A fire alarm system (non-monitored) shall be approved by the AHJ and installed by the owner and operational on or before:	1/1/2003	1/1/2004	1/1/2003
Level III Buildings – 3 or more floors in height and 17 or more dwelling units			
Smoke detectors shall be installed by the owner in all sleeping areas on or before:	7/1/2000	6/30/2001	1/1/2001
An emergency evacuation plan , approved by the AHJ, shall be established by the owner and reviewed with all tenants and posted in common areas on or before:	1/1/2001	1/1/2002	1/1/2001
Emergency evacuation plans shall be reviewed and updated annually by Owners. Revised plans shall be submitted to the AHJ for review and approval.	Annually	Annually	Annually
A monitored fire alarm system with a single heat detector inside each living unit shall be approved by the AHJ and installed by the owner and operational on or before:	1/1/2003	1/1/2004	1/1/2003
In addition to the annual fire inspections, Level III buildings shall be evaluated for fire safety utilizing the Fire Safety Matrix. Each Level III building shall achieve a minimum of 80 points on the Matrix on or before:	12/06/2009	12/26/2010	7/3/2010

PLEASE NOTE: Other requirements apply to new construction, additions, remodels, or where there has been damage to the building that exceeds 50% of the assessed value.

Targeted Building - R1, 5 or more dwelling units and without automatic fire sprinkler protection

Smoke detectors shall be installed (or replaced if older than 10 years) by the owner in all sleeping areas on or before:	9/25/2001
An emergency evacuation plan , approved by the AHJ, shall be established by the owner and reviewed with all tenants and posted in common areas on or before:	9/25/2001
Emergency evacuation plans shall be reviewed and updated annually by Owners. Revised plans shall be submitted to the AHJ for review and approval.	Annually

Lower Risk Building - R1, 5 or more dwelling units and without automatic fire sprinkler protection, less than 3 stories in height, including some 3 or 4 story buildings with existing fire alarm system, partial sprinkler systems, or other building construction feature that enhances life safety in the event of a fire

Smoke detectors shall be installed (or replaced if older than 10 years) by the owner in all sleeping areas on or before:	9/25/2001
An emergency evacuation plan , approved by the AHJ, shall be established by the owner and reviewed with all tenants and posted in common areas on or before:	9/25/2001
Emergency evacuation plans shall be reviewed and updated annually by Owners. Revised plans shall be submitted to the AHJ for review and approval.	Annually

Higher Risk Building - R1, 5 or more dwelling units and without automatic fire sprinkler protection, 3 or more stories in height, with interior exit corridors or exterior exit balconies

Smoke detectors shall be installed (or replaced if older than 10 years) by the owner in all sleeping areas on or before:	9/25/2001
An emergency evacuation plan , approved by the AHJ, shall be established by the owner and reviewed with all tenants and posted in common areas on or before:	9/25/2001
Emergency evacuation plans shall be reviewed and updated annually by Owners. Revised plans shall be submitted to the AHJ for review and approval.	Annually
An approved monitored fire alarm system shall be approved by the AHJ and installed by the owner and operational on or before:	9/25/2004

ALL BUILDINGS:

- WILL BE INSPECTED ANNUALLY BY THE AHJ FOR COMPLIANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF THE UNIFORM FIRE CODE.
- WILL BE INSPECTED ANNUALLY FOR COMPLIANCE WITH GROUP R, DIVISION 1 ORDINANCES.
- ALL BUILDINGS INSPECTED AND DETERMINED TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS SHALL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FROM THE AHJ.
- AHJ'S WILL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS AND/OR INFORMATION FOR BUILDING OWNERS AND TENANTS REGARDING FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY PROTECTION. EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED ON PREVENTION AND SAFE EVACUATION.
- AHJ'S WILL NOTIFY PROPERTY OWNERS REGARDING FIRE CALLS RESULTING FROM PROPERTY DAMAGE OR INJURY ON THEIR PROPERTY.
- VIOLATIONS OF ANY OF THE ABOVE PROVISIONS SHALL CONSTITUTE AN INFRACTION, AND PENALTIES ASSESSED.

For further information, see the Ordinance noted below for your location. Contact the AHJ at the telephone numbers below for more information or questions.

¹Kitsap County Ordinance No. 244-1999

²City of Port Orchard Ordinance No. 1803

³City of Bremerton Ordinance No. 4715

⁴City of Bainbridge Island Ordinance No. 2000-20

Unincorporated Areas - Kitsap County Fire Marshal (360) 337-4442

City of Port Orchard - Fire District 7 (360) 871-2411

City of Bremerton - Bremerton Fire Department (360) 478-5380

City of Bainbridge - Bainbridge Fire Department (206) 842-7686