Fire Sprinkler Mandates

State-by-State Data

Since the 2009 edition of the International Residential Code (IRC), the model code has included a requirement for all new one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses to include fire sprinkler systems. Since then, almost all states have removed the requirement from their residential building codes as they have adopted newer editions.

- Forty-six states have completely removed the sprinkler requirements for one- and two-family homes.
- In twenty of those states, local jurisdictions have the authority to adopt sprinkler requirements.
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How Fire Sprinkler Mandates Have Been Defeated

Fire Sprinkler Mandate Defeated Through Legislation	Fire Sprinkler Mandate Defeated Through Code Adoption Process	No Statewide Code Adoption And No Legislation	Fire Sprinkler Mandate
Total: 23	Total: 21	Total: 4	Total: 2
Alabama	Arkansas	a.46B334n157oT.91 T18].5	

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Delaware	No - Local		No Statewide Adoption	State Fire Marshal	Mandatory Option Legislation	Builders of new, one- and two-family homes are required by legislation to give buyers a cost estimate for installing fire sprinklers and information from the State Fire Marshal's Office about sprinkler benefits (mandatory option).
District of Columbia	Yes		2012 IRC Effective 3/28/2014	Dept. of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs	Adopted Code	
Florida	No - Local	A	2015 IRC Effective 12/31/2017	Building Commission	Amendments Legislation Adopted Code [Chapter 3]	Section R313 on automatic fire sprinkler systems has been deleted.
Georgia	No	L	2012 IRC Effective 1/1/2014	Dept. of Community Affairs	Amendments Legislation	
Hawaii	No	L				

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Missouri	No	L	No Statewide Adoption		Mandatory Option Legislation	Builders of new, one- and two-family homes are required by legislation to give buyers the option of installing a fire sprinkler system. (Mandatory option

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