



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Smoke Detectors in Group R, Division 3 Occupancies		
Code Section(s)	§ 2-1.4.1, NFPA 72 (1999)		
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In single family dwelling, can the smoke detector be recessed behind a grill to hide it from view for aesthetic purposes? If so, what are the requirements?

No. NFPA 72 prohibits smoke detectors from being recessed into the mounting surface in any manner unless the unit is specifically tested for such recessed mounting. The device must also be listed by the State Fire Marshal for this application.