


**DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES**

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**SMOKE DETECTORS IN EVERY ROOM**

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**I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Policy Guide is to issue instructions and procedures for regulating the recent revised rule requiring a smoke detector in each room where children nap or sleep in day care and group day care homes.

**II. ALLOWANCE OF BATTERY OPERATED SMOKE DETECTOR**

In order to make reasonable accommodations in day care homes or group day care homes constructed after December 31, 1987, or which underwent substantial remodeling of its structure or wiring system after that date, and to comply with the revised requirements in Sections 406.8(a)(4)(A) and 408.30(a)(4)(A) that a smoke detector be installed within each room in home where children nap or sleep, the Department will allow the installation of a battery operated smoke detector in each room where children nap or sleep and deem the home to be in compliance.

In any facility constructed after December 15, 2011, or which undergoes substantial remodeling of its structure or wiring system after that date, the smoke detectors shall be permanently wired into the structure's AC power line, and, if more than one detector is required to be installed, the detectors shall be wired so that the activation of one detector will activate all the detectors in the facility unit.

**III. QUESTIONS**

Questions regarding this Policy Guide may be directed to the licensing supervisor in the field office.

**IV. FILING INSTRUCTIONS**

File this Policy Guide immediately following page 14 of Rules 406 and immediately following page 16 of Rules 408



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