Department of Housing Preservation and Development

Smoke Detector Notice for Posting
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A Notice regarding smoke detecting devices, in a form approved by HPD, must be posted in a common area of a class A multiple dwelling, preferably in the area near where the inspection certificate is posted, readily visible to all occupants.

The required notice regarding smoke detecting devices must meet the following standards:

(1) the notice shall have letters not less than three-sixteenths of an inch in height;
(2) the lettering of the notice shall be of bold type and shall be properly spaced to provide good legibility and the background shall be of contrasting colors;
(3) the notice shall be durable and shall be substantially secured to the common area where posted;
(4) the notice shall be of metal, plastic, or decal;
(5) lighting shall be sufficient to make the notice easily legible;
(6) the notice shall use language that captures all of the information in the below sample notice, which contains HPD approved language for the notice.

NOTICE

The law requires the owner of the premises to post this notice advising tenants that the owner is required by law to provide and install one or more approved and operational smoke detectors in each apartment in this building and to periodically replace such devices upon the expiration of their useful life in accordance with article 312 of chapter 3 of title 28 of the New York City Administrative Code. The law further makes the tenant of each apartment responsible for the maintenance and repair of the detectors installed in the apartment and for replacing any or all detectors which are stolen, removed, missing or become inoperable during the occupancy of the apartment with a device meeting the requirements of article 312 of chapter 3 of title 28 of the Administrative Code. The law also provides that the tenant of each Class A apartment in the building in which a battery-operated smoke detector is provided and installed shall pay the owner a maximum of twenty-five dollars or a maximum of fifty dollars where a combined smoke and carbon monoxide detecting device is installed for the cost of providing and installing each detector. The tenant has one (1) year from the date of installation to make such payment to the owner.