

## Miscellaneous Collection of News Topics

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This is a collection of topics, rules, etc. that one might find interesting.

### **NEW SMOKE DETECTOR GUIDELINES**

The State Fire Marshall intends to file administrative rules that will require all new residential construction to be equipped with dual sensor smoke detectors with the effective start date of October 1, 2009.

A dual sensor detector is a detector that has both a photoelectric sensor that protects best against slow, smoldering fires and an ionization sensor that protects best against fast, flaming fires. ACCORDING TO CHAPTER 210 OF THE IOWA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (661), ANY SMOKE DETECTOR INSTALLED ON OR AFTER APRIL 1, 2009, INCLUDING A REPLACEMENT OF AN EXISTING DETECTOR, IS TO BE A DUAL SENSOR SMOKE DETECTOR.