



To: All Rhode Island Policy Issuing Agents of WFG National Title Insurance Company
From: WFG Underwriting Department
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Subject: Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detector Certifications in Light of COVID-19

Because of the difficulty with conducting smoke and carbon monoxide detector inspections in light of the COVID-19/Corona Virus, the Rhode Island Fire Marshal's office has modified Rhode Island Life Safety Code (RILSC) sections 24.6.3.1.4 and 25.2.4.1 by suspending the requirement of conducting all mandated smoke and carbon monoxide alarm inspections within ten (10) days of a request by the property owner prior to the transfer of a property title.

This suspension does not eliminate the need to obtain a certificate of inspection, but merely allows either submission of a video or a later inspection. The later inspection involves establishment of a \$150.00 escrow with an inspection taking place within sixty (60) days following the termination of the Declaration of Disaster Emergency (BV 20-01).

For full details, please follow this [link](#) to a full copy of the interpretation by the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations Fire Safety Code – Board of Appeal and Review.

Please contact feel free to contact me if you have additional questions.

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