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Smoke Detectors in Attics

Code: 2018 Residential Code
Section: R314.3

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Question:

I have an attic with access from permanent stairs meeting the Residential Code, a ceiling height of 7 feet and floored over 75% of the area. Is a smoke detector required for this area?

Answers:

No.

A smoke detector is not required unless the attic area is finished and meets the definition of "habitable" in Section 202.

Yes.

A smoke detector is required if the attic space meets the definition of "attic, habitable" in Section 202.