



# WATER HEATER AND SMOKE ALARM STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE (C.A.R. Form WHSD, Revised 12/23)

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Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: For use only for REO sales with Exempt Seller Disclosure (ESD). A seller who is not required to provide one of the following statements of compliance is not necessarily exempt from the obligation to provide the other statement of compliance.

## WATER HEATER STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

- STATE LAW:** California Law requires that all new and replacement water heaters and existing residential water heaters be braced, anchored or strapped to resist falling or horizontal displacement due to earthquake motion. "Water heater" means any standard water heater with a capacity of no more than 120 gallons for which a pre-engineered strapping kit is readily available. (Health and Safety Code § 19211d). Although not specifically stated, the statute requiring a statement of compliance does not appear to apply to a properly installed and bolted tankless water heater for the following reasons: There is no tank that can overturn; Pre-engineered strapping kits for such devices are not readily available; and Bolting already exists that would help avoid displacement or breakage in the event of an earthquake.
- LOCAL REQUIREMENTS:** Some local ordinances impose more stringent water heater bracing, anchoring or strapping requirements than does California Law. Therefore, it is important to check with local city or county building and safety departments regarding the applicable water heater bracing, anchoring or strapping requirements for your property.
- TRANSFEROR'S WRITTEN STATEMENT:** California Health and Safety Code § 19211 requires the seller of any real property containing a water heater to certify, in writing, that the seller is in compliance with California State Law. If the Property is a manufactured or mobile home, Seller shall also file a required Statement with the Department of Housing and Community Development.
- CERTIFICATION:** Seller represents that the Property, as of the Close Of Escrow, will be in compliance with Health and Safety Code § 19211 by having the water heater(s) braced, anchored or strapped in place, in accordance with those requirements.

Seller \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Seller \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned hereby acknowledge(s) receipt of a copy of this document.

Buyer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Buyer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## SMOKE ALARM STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

- STATE LAW:** California Law requires that (i) every single-family dwelling and factory built housing unit sold on or after January 1, 1986, must have an operable smoke alarm, approved and listed by the State Fire Marshal, installed in accordance with the State Fire Marshal's regulations (Health and Safety Code § 13113.8) and (ii) all used manufactured or mobilehomes have an operable smoke alarm in each sleeping room.
- LOCAL REQUIREMENTS:** Some local ordinances impose more stringent smoke alarm requirements than does California Law. Therefore, it is important to check with local city or county building and safety departments regarding the applicable smoke alarm requirements for your property.
- TRANSFEROR'S WRITTEN STATEMENT:** California Health and Safety Code § 13113.8(b) requires every transferor of any real property containing a single-family dwelling, whether the transfer is made by sale, exchange, or real property sales contract (installment sales contract), to deliver to the transferee a written statement indicating that the transferor is in compliance with California State Law concerning smoke alarms. If the Property is a manufactured or mobile home, Seller shall also file a required Statement with the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).
- EXCEPTIONS:** Generally, a written statement of smoke alarm compliance is not required for transactions for which the Seller is exempt from providing a transfer disclosure statement.
- CERTIFICATION:** Seller represents that the Property, as of the Close Of Escrow, will be in compliance with the law by having operable smoke alarm(s) (i) approved and listed by the State Fire Marshal installed in accordance with the State Fire Marshal's regulations Health and Safety Code § 13113.8 or (ii) in compliance with Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Act (Health and Safety Code § 18029.6) located in each sleeping room for used manufactured or mobilehomes as required by HCD and (iii) in accordance with applicable local ordinance(s).

Seller \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Seller \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned hereby acknowledge(s) receipt of a copy of this Water Heater and Smoke Alarm Statement of Compliance.

Buyer \_\_\_\_\_ Date 05/2026  
Buyer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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