

KNOB AND TUBE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTICS

Community Development
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Information	
Owner name:	Date:
Phone:	Address:
Permit number:	
Requirements	
1. A certification letter from a licensed electrical contractor is required be filed with the City and posted in the attic before inspection. 2. Warning signs indicating the presence of knob-and-tube wiring shall be posted in English and Spanish at all accesses to the attic where knob-and-tube wiring is concealed by insulation before inspection. 3. The insulation shall be noncombustible as defined in the 2025 CA Building Code. 4. The insulation shall not have any electrical conductive material as part of or supporting the insulation material.	
Uses not permitted – Cal. Electrical Code. § 394.12 (5) (2025)	
Concealed knob-and-tube shall not be used in the following: • Hollow spaces of walls, ceilings and attics that are insulated loose, rolled or foamed-in-place insulating material that envelopes the conductors.	
Exceptions for residential	
Installation of insulation where knob-and-tube is present shall not be allowed unless the following exceptions are complied with: • The wiring shall be surveyed and certified by an electrical contractor licensed by the State of California certifying that the existing wiring is in good condition with no evidence of deterioration with proper overcurrent protection and no improper connections or splices. Any repairs, alterations or extensions of the existing system will require permits and inspections. • The certification form shall be submitted to the building department and a copy given to the property owner. • Printed notices in both English and Spanish stating that caution is required shall be posted at all access points to the area where insulation has been installed around knob-and-tube wiring. • The insulation shall be noncombustible as defined in Cal. Code Regs. tit. 24 (2021). • The insulation shall not have any electrical conductive material as part of or supporting the insulation material. • The Building department may still require permits and inspections for the installation of the insulation.	
Certification from electrician	
☐ I certify that the existing knob-and-tube wiring is in good condition with no evidence of deterioration and with proper overcurrent protection and no improper connections or splices.	
☐ The knob-and-tube wiring is not in good condition and may not be covered without repair or rewiring.	
☐ The knob-and-tube wiring is disconnected and is not live or has been removed.	
Name of Electrician:	Company name:
License number:	Address:

Electrician signature

Date