



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPT.**

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1/23/14**

**KNOB-AND-TUBE WIRING**  
**SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTICS**

Attics with knob-and-tube wiring may **NOT** be insulated, unless the following conditions are met:

1. A certification letter from a licensed electrical contractor is required be filed with the City of Menlo Park and posted in the attic prior to 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 prior to inspection.
3. The insulation shall be non-combustible as defined in Title 24, Part 2, California Building Code.
4. The insulation shall not have any electrical conductive material as part of or supporting the insulation material.

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Property Owner Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Number

Menlo Park, CA 94025

\_\_\_\_\_  
Permit Number

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**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the existing knob-and-tube wiring is in good condition with no evidence of deterioration and with proper over-current 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.

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Name of Certifying Electrician (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Certifying Electrician      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
License Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

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State

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Zip Code

**2013 California Electrical Code – Chapter 394.12 - Exception (.5)**

***Uses Not Permitted***

Concealed knob-and-tube shall not be used in the following:

Hollow spaces of walls, ceilings and attics where such spaces are insulated by loose, rolled or foamed-in-place insulating material that envelopes the conductors.

***Exceptions for residential (HCD 1)***

This article is not intended to prohibit the installation of insulation where knob-and-tube is present, provided the following are complied with:

- 1) The wiring shall be surveyed by an electrical contractor licensed by the State of California. Certification shall be provided by the electrical contractor that the existing wiring is in good condition with no evidence of deterioration or improper over-current protection and no improper connections or splices. Repairs, alterations or extensions to the electrical system will require permits and inspections by the authority having jurisdiction for the enforcement of this code.
- 2) The certification form shall be filed with the authority having jurisdiction for the enforcement of this code and a copy furnished to the property owner.
- 3) All accessible areas in the building where insulation has been installed around knob-and-tube and shall be posted by the insulation contractor with a notice, clearly visible, stating that caution is required when entering these areas. The notice shall be printed in both English and Spanish.
- 4) The insulation shall be noncombustible as defined in *Title 24 Part 2, California Building Code*.
- 5) The insulation shall not have any electrical conductive material as part of or supporting the insulation material.
- 6) Nothing in this exception will prohibit the authority having jurisdiction for the enforcement of this code from requiring permits and inspections for the installation of thermal insulation.

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**WARNING: Knob-and-Tube Wiring  
Use Caution When Entering Attic**

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